

# Senators Sponsor Anti-Alcohol Bill

WASHINGTON (BP)—Forty-two Senators are co-sponsors of a bipartisan bill aimed at making a five-year, \$65.8 million attack on alcoholism, the nation's fourth most serious health problem.

The proposed Alcoholism Care and Control Act of 1969 was introduced by Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) and Sen. Frank E. Moss (D., Utah).

The bill is also actively supported by the North American Association of Alcoholism Programs and by the National Council on Alcoholism.

Sen. Javits quoted the U.S. Public Health Service and the Crime Commission as describing alcoholism as ranking behind only heart disease, mental illness and cancer as America's most serious health problems.

"Alcoholism afflicts an estimated 5,000,000 Americans, and roughly 250,000 persons join the ranks of Alcoholics each year," said Sen. Javits.

The New York Senator cited studies which show that:

1. Alcoholism costs American business \$2 billion annually in absenteeism and inefficiency;
2. One in every seven new mental patients is an alcoholic;
3. One out of every three arrests in 1965 was for public drunkenness;
4. The \$9 billion annual cost of traf-

fic accidents can largely be attributed to drunkenness; and

5. Alcoholism cuts the life expectancy of Americans by about 10 to 12 years.

Sen. Moss continued, "We estimate that more than 10 per cent of our population is directly involved in some way with problems of alcoholism. Everyone, of course, is at least indirectly involved."

Sen. Moss continued, "There will never be a way to assess fully the amount of suffering, heartbreak, crime, child abuse, juvenile delinquency, poverty, divorce or other problems which can be directly traced to alcoholism."

Specifically, the Alcoholism Care and Control Act of 1969, would:

—Establish a division of alcoholism and alcohol problems within the National Institute of Mental Health with broad responsibilities in the areas of research, education, coordination, prevention, and support for community treatment and rehabilitation programs.

—Provide incentive grants totaling \$15 million in fiscal year 1970 for the construction, staffing and operation of facilities for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism in order to encourage the establishment of such programs.

—Provide grants totaling \$200,000 in fiscal year 1970 for alcohol education directed at the general public, school-age children and special high-risk groups.

—Provide special purpose grants for (1) the development of specialized training programs or materials for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, (2) research relating to current and projected personnel needs in the field of alcoholism, (3) surveys to evaluate the adequacy of programs for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, such as detoxification programs, court-supervised programs for alcoholics and programs in correctional institutions and aftercare programs for alcoholics. A total of \$14 million is authorized for the next fiscal year.

—Provide fellowship grants to professional personnel for training in alcoholism and alcohol-related problems in order to overcome critical shortages of trained people. There is a \$200,000 authorization for the next fiscal year.

—Establish regional centers for research in alcoholism and alcohol-related problems. Three million dollars is authorized for fiscal 1970.

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## Honolulu Baptist Gets Top U.S. Post

WASHINGTON (BP) — Honolulu Chief of Police Dan Liu, immediate past president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, has been named to a top government post here as special assistant to the Postmaster General for International Organizations.

The announcement was made here by Sen. Hiram L. Fong (R., Hawaii) who recommended Chief Liu for the position.

Chief Liu, a noted Baptist layman and active member of Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu, will assume the postal position here July 1 or as soon as he can be relieved of his present duties.

As special assistant to the Postmaster General for International Organizations, Liu will advise on international postal policy matters, will represent the United States in postal relations with other countries, the United Nations, and international postal organizations, and will oversee international postal agreements.

At international conferences, he will represent Postmaster General Winton M. Blount in negotiations and discussions on such matters as international mail rates, and mail exchange and transportation.

Sen. Fong praised Liu and his qualifications for the position, saying that he has "built a remarkable record for integrity, honesty and dedication to public service" as chief of police in Honolulu.

Chief Liu has been chief of police in the capital city of Hawaii for 20 years, and has been on the police force for 37 years.

One week before his appointment to the Honolulu Advertiser reported that Chief Liu had been urged to run for

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THE ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL: Oldest cathedral building in the United States is the St. Louis Cathedral located across from Jackson Square in New Orleans. Built in 1794 when New Orleans was a colony of Spain, the Cathedral is just across from a

statue of Andrew Jackson, hero of the Battle of New Orleans. Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, June 10-13, will have an opportunity to see these historic structures.—(BP) Photo

## Four Church Administration Meetings Ready

A series of four area Baptist Church Administration Meetings will be held in the state May 12-16, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, sponsor.

Those urged to attend the conference most convenient are pastors, church staff members, council members, committees and associational superintendents of missions, it was announced by Rev. Leon Emery, department associate who will direct the meetings.

The principal out-of-state conference leader to be at all four meetings will be Joseph Hinkle, consultant in the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

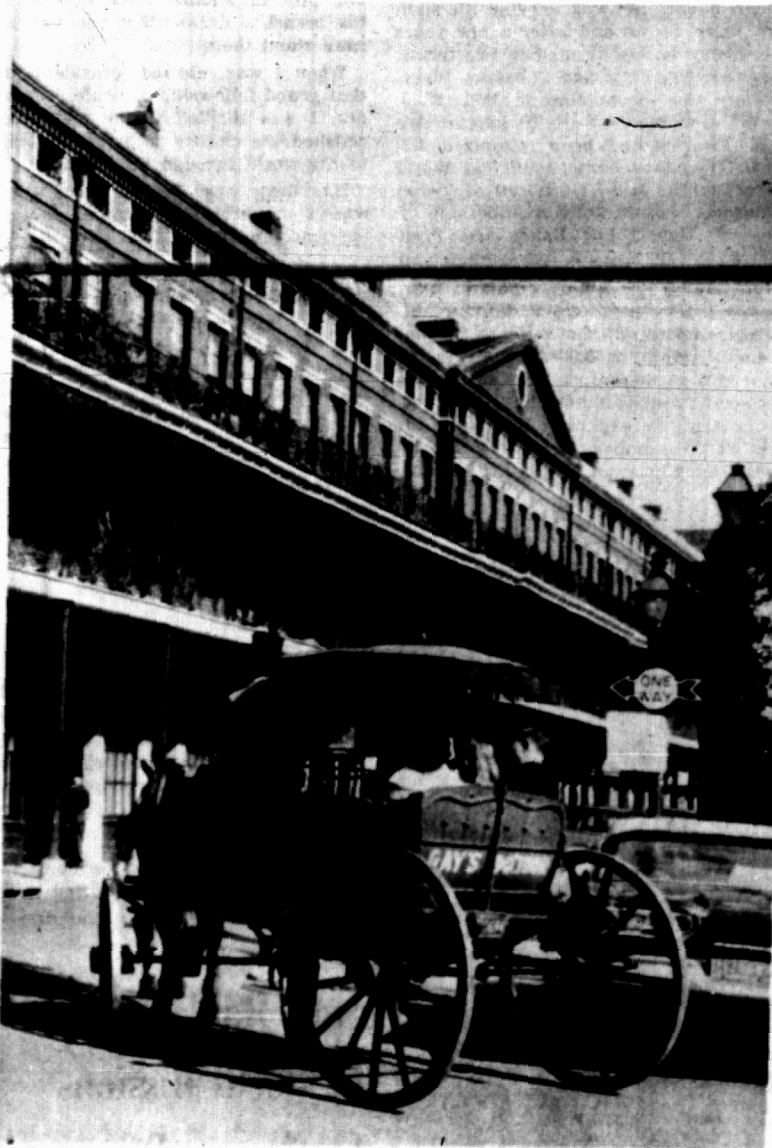
Other conference leaders to appear at one or more of the meetings will include the following:

Farrell Blankenship, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions, Gulf Coast Association, Gulfport; Maurice Hodges, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Amory; Rev. James Jeffreys, pastor, Hebron Baptist Church, Sardis; Rev. J. D. Lundy, superintendent of missions, Washington Association, Greenville; Rev. Billy Nimmons, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Starkville; Rev. Carl Savell, pastor, Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson; Rev. Kermit Sharp, pastor, Marion Baptist Church, Marion.

Each conference will begin at 1:30 p. m. and continue until 8:30 p. m.

The conferences will deal with numerous subjects in the area of church administration, Mr. Emery said.

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BUGGY RIDE IN NEW ORLEANS: A tour of the French Quarter, with its ornate iron grills gracing balconies overlooking the streets, is likely to be a main attraction to messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, June 10-13. The French Quarter can be toured either by horse-drawn carriage, or by walking. (BP) Photo

## Two Groups Will Meet Prior To SBC

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—An estimated 100 to 150 Baptist students will meet here jointly with perhaps 50 to 100 adults prior to the Southern Baptist Convention to deal with church renewal and to play ways to influence the convention to act on current theological and social issues.

The students are affiliated with a loosely-organized group called Baptist Students Concerned, which demonstrated at the Southern Baptist Convention last year in Houston and held a dialogue session with SBC leaders expressing deep concerns about such issues as poverty, racism, and the war in Vietnam.

The adults are organized "action group" called the E. Y. Mullins Fellowship.

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## Vatican Representative Opposed

# First VIEWpoll Results Given

By Martin B. Bradley\*

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers oppose the President appointing an official representative to the Vatican, according to the first Baptist VIEWpoll report.

This is a key finding from a nationwide survey conducted among 575 panel members of the Baptist VIEWpoll.

The VIEWpoll is conducted bi-monthly among the pastors and Sunday School teachers of the panel. It is operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research and statistics department.

Panel members are selected and represent Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers by size of church and geographical location of their churches.

Another key finding of the first report is that over two-thirds of the pastors and Sunday School teachers surveyed indicated sympathies to be far more on the side of the Israelis than with the Arab states.

The first question for the VIEWpoll panel was, "Do you feel it would be appropriate for the President to appoint an official representative to the Vatican?"

Based on 92% response by mail, only 1.7% of the pastors and 3.7% of the Sunday School teachers answered "yes, as an ambassador."

Answering, "Yes, as liaison representative for communication purposes only" were 11.6% of the pastors and 18.2% of the Sunday School teachers.

"No" was the response of 84.6% of the pastors, 70.3% of the Sunday School teachers.

Persons in the survey (99.2%) who said they had heard of the troubles between Israel and Arab states were asked, "In this trouble are your sympathies more with Israel or more with Arab states?"

The pastors reported 71.8% with Israel, 3.0% with Arab states, and 25.2% neither or undecided. The Sunday School teachers reported 69.3% with Israel, 1.7% with Arab states, and

29% neither or undecided.

When a comparison of responses of pastors and Sunday School teachers is made with those obtained in nationwide surveys of the U. S. adult population by the Gallup Poll, it appears that pastors and Sunday School teachers are somewhat more pro-Israel.

The Gallup Poll of January, 1967 reported 55% with Israel, 4% with Arab states and 41% neither or undecided. In the Gallup Poll of January, 1969, 50% were with Israel in sympathy, 5% with Arab states, and 45% undecided or neither.

Other items in the Baptist VIEWpoll to be released in the new future: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nixon is handling his job as President? Are you in favor of the death penalty for persons convicted of murder? Do you now think integration will be pushed faster, or not so fast?

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# Garden To Become Massive Cathedral For Graham Crusade

NEW YORK CITY (April 23) — "Billy Graham at the Garden."

These five words will spring up in huge black letters with a beige background on billboards throughout the Greater New York City metropolitan area during the next few weeks.

They will signify the final days of preparation before Evangelist Billy Graham comes to America's largest city with his Crusade, an event scheduled in Madison Square Garden, June 13-22.

The Garden, as any New Yorker knows, has a certain magic about it. The new \$125 million Madison Square Garden Center, located in the heart of Manhattan, is the site where a President-to-be delivered a stirring campaign speech. It is the place where some of America's greatest orators have held the attention of audiences, and where one of a hundred other events has been staged.

But once again — after a 12-year absence since the first Graham Cru-

sade in the old Madison Square Garden — the Garden will also mean a massive, modern cathedral where 20,000 people a night can hear a contemporary message of God's plan for man.

In 1957, Evangelist Graham drew more than 2.3 million people in 16 weeks at his first New York Crusade. He still holds the attendance record at the old Garden, a record that has not been equaled by indoor sports or any special events.

"I feel an essential satisfaction with the preparations that have taken place to the present," are the words of Dr. Elmer Engstrom, as he reflected on the Crusade's preparation during the last 18 months.

Engstrom, who occupies an executive suite on the 53rd floor of RCA's headquarters in Rockefeller Center, is the chairman of the executive committee of the Radio Corporation of America. Also, he is the chairman of the Crusade's executive committee.

He takes both responsibilities seriously. And as he discusses Billy Graham's coming to the city, he does so with detail and sobriety that might make you think he was planning a new major business outreach for his corporation.

"Billy Graham's message will have a leavening affect on this city," he said as he wheeled around in his swivel chair and looked out the window that gave a view of upper Manhattan. The clouds hung low over the tops of the massive skyscrapers, giving the city the look of an angry brick and glass monster.

He continued, "This Christian voice will be raised loud and clear among the many other voices on today's scene."

The voice that will be raised here in June is the same voice that has been projected for two decades. The Graham voice started on a national scale in 1949 as far away from New York as you can go West... and still

be on the mainland, Los Angeles. The message that voice has proclaimed has been accepted by millions, while others have mocked or refused to listen.

The preparations for the voice of Billy Graham will have been in motion for 20 months when the Crusade opens. The Billy Graham crusade director in the city is a veteran with the evangelist. Bill Brown, 42 years old, has organized the last two Graham Crusades in London, England, one of them reaching 25 cities throughout the British Isles. His experience with large city evangelism goes back to the first time Graham was here.

Meeting with committees, planning every detail of a Crusade from securing songbooks to getting volunteer office workers, plus hundreds of other projects, keep the tall, wavy black-haired Graham alive at his office more than at his home. His small headquarters overlook the Crusade

site from the 27th floor of the Penn Garden Hotel, across the street from the Garden.

Every day the pace of Crusade preparation increases. Any visitor wandering into the offices would know something electric was happening.

"Only five more weeks." Those words form the slogan for the staff. It changes each seven days as the beginning date moves closer.

Crusade preparation is not only being accomplished by a small number of salaried personnel, but by more than 500 volunteers, mostly retired or older people. But on Tuesday and Thursday nights, when the lights burn ever later in the Crusade office, younger volunteers pour in for all types of work from typing letters to licking stamps and from sorting mail requests to stuffing envelopes.

Crusade officials estimate that more than 9,000 New York area church members will donate approximately 2 million free man hours of

work toward the Crusade. In today's labor market, that is worth something like \$8 million, and much more if they all belong to some kind of "crusade union" and work overtime hours.

Even though the volunteers donate their efforts, conducting a Crusade requires the generous financial support of many interested individuals, Dr. Engstrom noted.

As an example, he pointed out that the basic rent for the Garden comes to approximately \$30,000 a night, while \$170,000 has been allocated for area television coverage during the Crusade. The total budget comes to nearly \$1 million.

"We are just now at that point where the financial phases are receiving our full attention," Dr. Engstrom said.

Jarman Finance Chairman The Finance Committee is under

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the chairmanship of Maxey Jarman, chairman, Genesco, Inc., with Fred Ealy, chairman, United States Banknote Corporation, heading a special project.

"While I understand that we are doing well in comparison with experience during earlier Crusades, I'd feel happier if more of the needed funds were already in hand," Dr. Engstrom commented.

Boston, Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, Philadelphia, as well as New York will make up a region network of stations that will carry a nightly delayed telecast of the Crusade. It is the first time the Graham organization has ever used telecast of a Crusade on the same night of the meeting.

"I believe that the telecasts will be very effective," said Dr. Engstrom, "and an effective way of spreading

the impact of the Crusade. There will be a broad interest since the telecasts will originate in Madison Square Garden and New York City."

He added that his committee was expecting that the television thrust would add substantially to the success of the Crusade.

Even though Evangelist Graham drew more than 2 million people to his Crusade the first time he was here, some people believe that the religious atmosphere of the city has changed greatly since the late 1950's. The same people say that the entire mood of New York is different today than then.

"If this is true, how will it affect a Graham Crusade?" Dr. Engstrom was asked.

"Well... New York and all metropolitan centers have undergone great changes," he explained.

"We are in a time of unpreced-

ent affluence and plenty, yet we seem to generate a surplus of people relationship problems. That is, the relationship of groups of people to other groups, and of people to society as a whole. Ever since early in this century, we have experienced a gradually growing spiritual emptiness. Likewise, there has been a movement in the direction of believing and acting as though there were no absolute, no objective standards of human behavior. It is as though the average behavior were the norm. These are the areas which fall squarely within the purpose of a Crusade. For the solutions reside in the hearts of men. They mature only in people having a recognition of the Lordship of a Divine Creator. It is the prime purpose of the Crusade to point people to a Christ-centered life and to strengthen the faith of believers."

Dr. Engstrom continued, "The pres-

ent mood seems to be such that there is a greater response — an increase in willingness to accept the help of a Graham Crusade. Today one needs to enlist all possible methods, and a Graham Crusade goes to the heart of the matter."

## 1000 Churches Participate

That may be the reason that more than 1,000 churches have already taken part in pre-Crusade activities. It also may be the same reason that group reservation requests are flowing in daily to the Crusade office.

Among 8 million New Yorkers there are 3,000 American Indians, 4,000 Portuguese, 5, 500 Arabic speaking people, 4,600 who speak Finnish, 7,500 Slovak, 5,500 Serbo-Croatian and 20,000 Chinese, plus thousands and thousands of Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and Negroes. New York City is the ethnic capital of North America, and possi-

ly of the world.

The Crusade will not limit itself to Madison Square Garden or the television screen, but according to Crusade leaders, a special effort is being made to reach every type of person in the city, regardless of background or culture atmosphere.

Graham's evangelistic team is interracial and will have Negroes, a Spanish speaking South American and an Indian to speak at schools, shops, youth centers and almost any place a crowd gathers. Also, two African black ministers are coming to the city for a special ministry in Harlem as a part of the Crusade outreach.

Also, approximately 3,000 seminary students and young ministers from across the United States are expected here to attend a five-day School of Evangelism, June 16-20. Many of these participants at the school will be used as a part of the Crusade thrust. They

will speak at meetings, be available for Christian counseling, as well as assist with office work.

Also, these vocational Christian workers will assist in a special youth emphasis. This youth program could well be the "world's largest coffee house" ministry. Manhattan Center, located about four blocks from the Garden, will be turned into a huge coffee house each night after the Crusade meetings. There will be live entertainment for the youths who drop in for coffee. Also, there will be individual dialogue and debate about the relevance of Christ in today's society.

The Billy Graham Crusade is coming to the city... its emphasis and approaches are many and varied.

Give the other driver a break — even if he is wrong. Two wrongs never make a right. They often make an accident.

## For The Pastor's Conference!

By Jess C. Moody

The Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference is not an emotional jag for the preachers, not a political platform, not a megaphone for outlandish statements — it is so much more.

It is a spiritual refreshment for tired men of God. Instead of feeling too exhausted to attend the convention, it provides most of us with the enthusiasm for convention activities.

In times past, sermons by R. G. Lee, W. A. Criswell, and a host of other great men have set thousands of hearts ablaze with a zeal for Biblical fidelity they might not have had if there were no pastor's conference.

It is an example of our belief in freedom of speech.

One writer claims that all kinds of ideas are presented at the Pastor's Conference.

Of course!

Baptists have never been afraid of new ideas, pet peeves, or creativity in times past. Is someone becoming mistrustful of our preachers now? In the age when men are crying for more dialogue, more communication among us, shall we tolerate a movement for less?

It is an excellent place to discover future leadership.

Would someone really be able to defend the old method of choosing convention leaders? If many are not allowed to choose their leaders, then the task will be done by a few.

In the age of the freedom surge, dare we choose our leaders by the consensus of a few church fathers?

The conference has been called "a platform of political hopefulness." Who can deny it? Who wants to? What young seminary graduate doesn't at one time or another have well up in his breast a dream that one day he may stand there.

When I was elected president of that grand fellowship of noble preachers, I was thrilled to the teeth and relished the chance to say something to my world through that channel.

Has there ever been a man who wasn't thankful and humbled that it happened to him?

Among us about electing only a man who doesn't seek the office. The fact is that we elect the man who runs the most concealed campaign. At one convention many notes went out urging the brethren to vote for so and so because he isn't seeking the office, inferring that everyone or someone else was. One strategic Texas pastor received five phone calls from one of the "non-candidates" to assure that pastor that he wasn't seeking the presidency.

Away with the myth of the non-candidate.

Any pastor down in his soul wants to serve the Baptist fellowship and lead them to greater evangelism and enlarged mission activity. This hope faintly beats in the breast of the pastor of even the smallest church in our convention. But that hope is hardly possible without the Pastor's Conference.

The conference may not be better than some other methods to find leadership but it beats the smoke-filled room.

## State Ranks High In World Missions Conference Program

Mississippi ranked first in two categories among the states in 1968 in regard to World Missions Conferences, according to the report issued by the Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The state ranked first in the number of missionaries speaking and in the number of associations providing honoraria to missionaries.

The state also tied for first place in the number of associations participating in the conferences, formerly known as schools of missions.

Mississippi was second among the states in three other categories, as follows:

Number of churches participating, number of professions of faith reported (50), and receipts from budgets and offerings.

The World Missions Conference program is sponsored in the state through the Cooperative Missions Department. Dr. Foy Rogers, director, with Therman V. Bryant, Associate in the department, responsible for its promotion.

Two questions every driver should ask himself: 1) Are people generally more courteous when driving? 2) Are good driving skills more important than good driving attitudes?



THE CABILDO IN NEW ORLEANS: Here was enacted what has been called the world's biggest real estate transaction: The Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Erected in 1795 as the seat of the Spanish colonial government the Cabildo faces Jackson Square, the heart of the New Orleans French Quarter. It now houses a museum operated by the State of Louisiana. Jackson Square is only about eight blocks from the site of the meeting place of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, June 10-13.—(BP) Photo.

## Dialogues Set For Education Workers And Missionaries

Superintendents of Missions and educational workers in Mississippi are slated for a special dialogue session with Sunday School and Training Union personnel from the Baptist Sunday School Board, according to Bryant Cummings and Kermit S. King, Sunday School and Training Union Directors for the state.

On May 27 all educational workers in the state will be treated to a noon meal at the Sheraton Motor Inn at 11:30. They will then be involved in an afternoon of dialogue with Dr. A. V. Washburn, head of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and Dr. Philip B. Harris, head of the Church Training Department of the Board. The Dialogue Session will be held in the chapel of the Baptist Building.

Associational Superintendents of Missions are expected to arrive at Camp Garaywa at 3:00 p.m. on May 27 for a special orientation session with Dr. Foy Rogers and the heads

of church program organizations. This meeting will extend until noon on May 28 at which time they, too, will have an opportunity for a dialogue session with the Sunday School Board representatives.

The purpose of the dialogue will be to answer questions that these church and associational leaders are asking and are facing from their clientele regarding the present program in these two educational programs and also problems anticipated in future developments of these programs.

The special session of Superintendents of Missions with church program organization directors of Mississippi has been called by Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, to offer assistance in the use of the Associational Training Guide along with a briefing on the countdown for the intensive period of preparation January through September, 1970.

Royal Ambassadors, the Southern Baptist mission organization for boys 9-17, has three basic units. Crusaders, for boys 9-11, have 91,933 boys en-

## ROYAL AMBASSADOR WORK SHOWS INCREASE

MEMPHIS (Special) — Growth in Royal Ambassador work for 1968 was reported to the state Brotherhood secretaries in their annual meeting April 22-24 with the staff of the Brotherhood Commission.

Increases were reported in enrollment, number of churches with Royal Ambassador chapters, and Ambassador Life and Ambassador Leader subscriptions.

In making the report, George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood Commission, said, "This means that our men are responding in increasing numbers to the challenge of giving leadership to

Royal Ambassadors." Royal Ambassador membership increased from 185,651 in 1967 to 187,606 in 1968. The number of churches with Royal Ambassador work increased from 10,968 in 1967 to 11,096 in 1968.

During the same period, Ambassador Life, the monthly mission magazine for Royal Ambassadors, grew 3 percent in circulation. Ambassador Leader, the quarterly magazine for Royal Ambassador Counselors showed a 9 percent circulation increase.

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rolled. Pioneers, for boys 12-14, have 69,666 boys enrolled. Ambassadors, for boys 15-17, have 26,028.

The following states reported an increase in Royal Ambassador enrollment: Alabama, Ohio, Oregon-Washington, and Utah-Idaho.

These states reported an increase in Royal Ambassador enrollment, in the number of churches with Royal Ambassador chapters, and in the circulation of Ambassador Life and Ambassador Leader: Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Texas.

## Hawaii Baptist Leader

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governor as the Republican candidate. A group of lawyers, government leaders and civic leaders, including Hawaii Baptist Convention Executive Secretary Edmund Walker, met with Chief Liu two weeks ago urging him to run for governor, the Honolulu daily said.

Liu, however, said he had not given any serious thought to becoming a candidate. "I am not a politician," he said. "I told them my job is that of a chief of police and that is all I'm concerned about."

Chief Liu has received wide recognition for his police work. In 1966 he was awarded the first recipient of the J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award for outstanding law enforcement, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He has been vice president and president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police for seven years, and was president of the FBC National Academy's 63rd session in Washington.

In Baptist work, he has taught a class of servicemen at Olivet Baptist Church where he is a member, and was president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, 1967-68. Liu is a close friend of Southern Baptist Evangelist Billy Graham and has helped organize several Graham crusades in the Orient. He was a major speaker at the Baptist World Congress, Miami Beach, Fla., in 1965.



The Job Too Big For You?

NASHVILLE — Is your job of communicating a little bigger than you can handle? The "Christian Communicator's Handbook," written by Floyd A. Craig, director of public relations, Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, is designed to assist in developing effective communication for churches. Every area of communication and detailed instructions on planning a workable church public relations program are treated in the book, released recently by Broadman Press. The "Christian Communicator's Handbook" is available in Baptist and general book stores across the nation. — BSSB Photo

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several of which follow:

The counseling role of the minister, pastor - deacon relationships, public relations, laying them out and running them off, the art of effective delegation, deacons: the man and his work.

The schedule of meetings follows:  
May 12, First Baptist Church, Nashville; May 13, Calvary Baptist Church, Cleveland; May 15, Alta Vista Baptist Church, Jackson; and May 16, First Baptist Church, Brook-



# 2 Groups To Meet Before SBC

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named for the late Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president and SBC president who united the convention after a theological and church history controversy in 1899.

Both groups will hold two joint sessions at the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church here on Monday, June 9, and will split into separate sessions on Tuesday, June 10, just prior to the opening of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Principal speakers at the joint sessions on Monday will be Samuel Hill, religion professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and George Schweitzer, chemistry professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Open discussion on issues, not speeches, will be the major concern of both groups in their separate sessions, said the leaders of each organization.

The issues of concern to the two groups are somewhat different, but as Stuart Sprague, student at Duke University in Durham, N. C., said: "We are going in two parallel directions, and we have a lot of common ground."

Sprague said the general theme for the student meeting will be church re-

newal in the SBC, but specific issues of concern to the students will be student participation in denominational affairs, conscientious objection to military service, the church's relation to the conscientious objector, sex education, the racial revolution, and theological issues.

Theological issues will be the major concern of the Mullins Fellowship, said William C. Smith, religion professor at the University of Richmond and one of the key men in the organization of the group.

"Freedom and openness concerning the Bible is the main issue," said Smith. Another University of Richmond religion professor, Robison B. James, said the most basic issue was "Biblical authority and the response to the Criswell book."

James was referring to a resolution adopted by another organization called the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, which adopted in Atlanta last February a resolution deploring the publicity and advertising given to a book by SBC President W. A. Criswell of Dallas on Why I Preach That the Bible is Literally True. The professors claimed that the advertising campaign indicated that the position in the book was the official position of the Baptist Sunday School Board, which published the book and planned the advertising.

James, who was the author of the controversial resolution which promoted a storm of protest to the liberal views of the professors as expressed in letters to the editor and editorials in Baptist state papers, is serving as the unofficial secretary-treasurer of the Mullins Fellowship. He indicated that about one-fourth of the 80 persons who have sent in their \$2 dues are professors at Baptist colleges, and a few seminary professors.

Robert Alley, another University of Richmond religion professor who was chairman of the religion professors' resolution committee, said, however, that the Mullins Fellowship is seeking to maintain a separate identity from the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, and involve a broader base of pastors, laymen, and denominational workers who are concerned about theological openness and freedom.

James recently wrote an article entitled, "Four Biblical Planks in a Platform for Denominational Renewal" appearing in the Virginia Religious Herald defending the Historical-critical approach to biblical interpretation. He concluded by saying the whole idea of a "platform" suggests a political party, but he disavowed that the Mullins Fellowship was a political party within the SBC. "Nevertheless, it is true that great things can be set in motion only by determined and organized groups."

James, Smith, Alley and Vernon Richardson, another Richmond pastor instrumental in the organization of the fellowship, denied rumors that the organization would nominate a candidate for convention president to oppose Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas. Traditionally, the SBC re-elects its president to a second term, and Criswell has been president for one year.

**Smith May Be Nominated**

James said there was a possibility that Smith might be nominated for convention president against Criswell, but as an individual nomination, not as a nominee of the Mullins Fellowship.

Several of the student leaders involved in Baptist Students Concerned expressed concern about being connected with the Mullins Fellowship concerning the Criswell book controversy and its political connotations.

"It's very important to our group to maintain our own separate identity," said Sprague in a telephone interview. "We don't want to involve ourselves in that (the Criswell book) controversy. But we do have com-

mon ground." Another student, Terry Nichols of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., said that they had gotten a lot of criticism from people who say "we shouldn't even identify with the Mullins group."

Both Sprague and Nichols agreed that the joint meeting between the two groups came about somewhat "accidentally," and both said there was no official connection between the two groups.

Signers of the letter were Preston J. Taylor, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond; Thomas D. Austin, pastor of Montrose Baptist Church, Richmond; Raymond L. Spence, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Richmond; Richardson, pastor of River Road Baptist Church, Richmond; Smith and James. Alley and Schweitzer did not sign since they were listed in the letter as speakers for the meeting.

Allen will speak to a separate session of the Mullins Fellowship on Tuesday morning. Separate sessions for discussion of issues will also be held Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Smith said that those who attend the sessions will decide on which issues to discuss, "but we won't try to take on the whole world — we'll deal mostly with theological issues."

James said that some possible issues for discussion might include book and literature publishing policies of the SBC Sunday School Board; the size of the SBC and efforts to have a more democratic representation within the convention; freedom of seminary professors to do their work with honesty, the "loss of some of our ablest and best educated youth," inroads of special offerings on the Co-operative Program, and Biblical authority and the controversy over the Criswell book.

The students, meanwhile, will hold separate sessions on Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning and afternoon. The Monday afternoon session will deal with church renewal, while the Tuesday morning session will feature workshop sessions on issues. Tuesday afternoon will be devoted to a business session, said Sprague.

## Bethany Making Plans For 150th Birthday

Bethany Church, Jefferson Davis Association, Prentiss, will celebrate 150th anniversary September 21, 1909. Bethany is one of 13 churches in Mississippi organized before 1819.

"We would like for all former pastors, members, and anyone interested to make their plans now to attend. Any information, pictures, etc. that could be furnished would be greatly appreciated," states a member of the church.

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## Singing Churchmen To Sing In New Orleans

The Mississippi Singing Churchmen will sing in New Orleans on Tuesday, June 10, for the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and for the Southern Baptist Music Conference. First, they will sing at 9:55 a. m. for the

pastors, whose conference will be meeting at the Rivergate Exhibition Center. Then later the same day, at 1:45 p. m., for the music conference, they will present in the New Orleans Seminary chapel a program of hymn

arrangements by contemporary Southern Baptist musicians. Several of the arrangers are from Mississippi.

Dan C. Hall, head of the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the director. Jim Hawkins, organist at Calvary Church, Pascagoula, will be accompanist.

The Singing Churchmen now have gold blazers with blue ensemble. They will wear this outfit for the first time at New Orleans. October 16-25, they will tour Nashville and participate in a Music Seminar planned exclusively for Mississippi ministers of music. About 25 have registered for the seminar, and others are expected to join that number.

Around forty Singing Churchmen will be in the group going to New Orleans. Usually fifty to sixty of the men sing when they give performances in the state. Organized four years ago, they have appointed as their chaplain Dr. Edwin McNeely of Newton.

## Linz, Austria, New Building Dedicated

About 350 people attended dedication services for the new Baptist church building in Linz, Austria. Anton Kurti, pastor, was main speaker for the occasion.

Greetings were brought from other Baptist churches in Austria. There were also greetings from representatives of other denominations — Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, and Mennonites.

The new auditorium can seat 250 worshippers. The building also contains an apartment for the Kurti family, a large youth room, space in which Sunday School classes will meet, a Bible study room that can double as a dining room, and a kitchen.

Mollardgasse Baptist Church in Vienna gave the seats to be used in the new auditorium. Willi Grun, Kassel, editor of the German Baptist weekly newspaper, Die Gemeinde, presented the church with a large pulpit Bible.

Young people of the Linz church composed a song for the service, which they sang for the dedication participants. The church site is on Raimundstrasse, not far from the city center.

## Sharon Calls Pastor

The new pastor of First Church, Sharon (Jones Association) is Rev. James McCall. The McCall family moved to Sharon March 24 and were welcomed with an old-fashioned pounding.

Mr. McCall is a native of Deerfield Beach, Florida. Mrs. McCall the former Mary Alice LaMont of Boca Raton, Florida. They have four children: Alice 15, Jim 13, Bill 7, and Ila 4.

Mr. McCall is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida and William Carey college. He attended New Orleans Seminary for one year.

Former pastorates include Cold Springs Church, Covington Association; Hebron Church, Jones Association; and West Pitman Church, northwest Florida.

The former pastor at Sharon was Rev. Ronnie Herrod. Rev. John Klem served as interim pastor.

## Raymond Church Calls Pastor

Dr. Curtis Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lake Arthur, La., has been called as pastor of the Raymond Baptist Church and has already begun his ministry.

He succeeds Rev. Jimmy Smith, who resigned recently to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mendenhall.

Dr. Ellis is a graduate of Louisiana College, Pineville, with a B.A. degree and holds both the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

He is a native of Louisiana and was reared in Evangeline Parish. Dr. Ellis served as the assistant editor of the Louisiana Baptist Message (state Baptist paper), from 1952-53.

From 1961-67 he was pastor of the Eudora Baptist Church, Hernando, Miss.

Mrs. Ellis is the former Jo Wax Munski, a native of Sweet Hall, Va., and formerly a visual aids consultant for the Sunday School Board.

They have three children, Josanne, 15; Ray, 14, and Danny, 9.

## We Are Dying

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

"We are dying, we are dying,  
Tell the sad news o'er and o'er,  
Hear the sounds of bitter crying,  
Baptists soon will be no more."

The chorus rings out loud and clear. It is a dirge of mourning and sadness and the words are unmistakable as all join in a volume that swells with increased fervor until the final "amen."

But the opening words that precede the chorus are difficult to make out. There is such a confusion of sounds that the meaning does not come through with clarity. A careful study reveals that this confusion is due to the fact that the three groups that comprise the vast choir are each singing a different set of words.

One group is singing with great emotion the following:

"We no longer throng the highways  
Treading where the saints have trod  
Reaching sinners in the by-ways,  
Begging them to turn to God."

A second group with less emotion but equal fervor sings:

"No one now will heed our preaching  
Till all social ills we cure;  
Vain is our pretense of teaching:  
Baptists will not long endure."

The third group is small but the voices are carefully selected and highly trained. They sing with gusto:

"See, our Baptist schools are dying,  
There is federal aid to save  
But the stubborn Baptists crying,  
Stagger downward to the grave."

But when the stanza is finished all joined together in a moving burst of mighty melody that brings tears and lamentation to all who hear.

"We are dying, we are dying,  
Tell the sad news o'er and o'er,  
Hear the sounds of bitter crying,  
Baptists soon will be no more."

The song appears in our denominational publications. It is beautifully rendered in each board meeting and convention session. People differ over which version should be used for the opening but all agree on the tragic and heartbreaking chorus.

Each critic is certain that the fault he sees in Baptist procedures is a fatal one and will result in their speedy disappearance from the earth. The amazing thing is that the chorus—the part on which all agree—is the one part that can easily be demonstrated as utterly false!

The last issue of the World Almanac shows that Baptists are continuing to grow in the United States in an increased ratio to the population. It is interesting to note this increase through the years. The figures prior to 1900 are taken from Vedder's Short History of the Baptists. The later statistics are from the World Almanac.

Date	Baptist Percentages of Population
1776	.037% or 1 in 264
1800	1.8% or 1 in 53
1850	3.4% or 1 in 29
1900	5% or 1 in 18
1950	10.6% or 1 in 9.4
1960	11.6% or 1 in 8.5
1968	12.8% or 1 in 7.7

What a lively way to die!

Baptists do well to be alarmed over the decrease in evangelistic emphasis. It is certainly apparent that we have not given needed attention to social ills and that neglect has harmed our Christian witness. Our colleges are having a difficult time keeping open their doors in the face of the rapidly increasing cost of higher education. Our convention must be continually re-evaluating its methods and procedures. The outmoded and ineffective must be discarded and improvements must be instituted.

But the wail of despair must never drown out the note of joy at the victories won. The healthiest man may become ill if he is told repeatedly that he is dying. Let us "set in order the things that are wanting" and hopefully face the problems of our day with faith in him who has called us unto his eternal glory.



The Bible — In Braille

LONDON—Judith Furse, 9, who is blind, reads in Braille from "Today's English Version" of the New Testament. Her reading marked the Annual Children's Birthday Meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which is observing its 165th anniversary. More than 12,500,000 copies of "Today's English Version" have been distributed. Judith is the daughter of Rev. Colin Furse, district secretary for the Bible agency in northeast London.—(RNS Photo)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Widespread Conversions Continue in Rwanda

Large numbers of conversions continue to be reported from the central African nation of Rwanda, where the Danish Baptist Union has missionaries. During the 4-month period, October 1968-January 1969, the number of converts baptized reached 702. There is only one ordained African minister among Baptists there.

He and Jorgen Larsen, a Danish missionary, baptized the 702 converts. On one Sunday alone, in Runyonyi, the two men baptized 158 persons. Early the following morning, they immersed another 60 converts.

In 1962, there were only 908 Baptists in Rwanda. Presently Baptists are estimated at 8,000. This has raised problems for new member training.

In addition, there are over 4,000 more who have made professions of faith in Christ, but who will not be baptized until they complete a class of instruction in the faith.

### Wumpelmann Observes 5th Anniversary

Knud Wumpelmann of Copenhagen has marked his 5th anniversary as general secretary of the Danish Baptist Union. He is the first full-time administrative officer of the union, with 7,200 members.

The Baptist weekly newspaper in Denmark compared his initials, K. W., with those found on light bulbs to indicate "kilowatt," a unit of electrical power.

Like "kilowatt," the newspaper said, Knud Wumpelmann illuminates the way for Danish Baptists.

### Baptist Medics Treat Jordanian Casualties

Military action in the mountains of Gilead, in northwest Jordan, early in the morning of April 22, caused activity to soar at the Baptist hospital in Ajloun as casualties were brought in, reports Mrs. L. August Lovegren, Southern Baptist missionary whose husband is on the hospital staff.

Three victims were dead on arrival. Two of the wounded died. Among the dead were two civilian residents of Ajloun, relatives of hospital staff members, who had been hit while plowing their fields that morning.

Moments after the wounded arrived, more than 100 blood donors were at the gates of the hospital. They were young and old people from around Ajloun, including students from a teacher training school for women. In half a day the volunteers gave 33 bottles of blood.

### Zambia's President Would Assign Minister As Advisor

LONDON (EP)—The Methodist Church of Great Britain has been asked by President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia to share the services of the Rev. Colin Morris through his appointment as a Presidential adviser.

Mr. Morris, a missionary in Zambia for several years, is scheduled to assume the pastorate of Wesley's Chapel, London, in September.

The African political leader requested that the clergyman be continued on the roster of the Methodist Missionary Society for a year and thus be available as adviser. Mr. Morris would take up his post here but spend half of his time in Zambia in his official office.



MOTHER—THE INDISPENSABLE



# "God Give Us Christian Homes"

This is a phrase from a song that often is used in connection with Christian Home Week, and thus may well be used in many of our churches this week or next Sunday.

How appropriate are the words at this time.

When one reads of chaos on college and university campuses he feels in his own heart the cry, "God give us Christian homes."

When he reads of riots in the streets, the destruction of property, the desecration of the American flag, and of the increase in dishonesty and other crime, he cannot but cry, "God give us Christian homes."

When he sees reports of thousands of young people from the colleges gathering on the beaches of major seashore cities for publicly announced "sex and suds", he feels the cry surging up within his soul, "God give us Christian homes."

When he sees and reads of the increase of the use of narcotics among the youth of the land, he cries out, "God give us Christian homes."

When he sees on the streets of his own city, and across the nation, the hippies and all of their unkempt companions, he feels like saying, "God give us Christian homes."

When he considers the filth now being often shown on movie screens, on the television, and included in books and magazines of the day, he cannot suppress the cry, "God give us Christian homes."

When he reads of the "new morality", renouncing such influences as the "Ten Commandments" or the "Sermon on the Mount", he knows that "God must give us Christian homes."

When he sees the open drinking

of liquor shown on the television and advocated as the way of the best life in the news media and on the printed page, and knows the statistics of broken homes, alcoholism, etc., he realizes how urgent it is that "God give us Christian homes."

When he considers how many people of today, both young and old, are not attending church, and are giving no consideration to spiritual needs, he knows he must pray, "God give us Christian homes."

Christian homes cannot solve all of these problems, for there are other needs, too, but nothing is more basic than the home.

It is in the home that the child learns his first lessons, and his character is molded. There he learns obedience and discipline, and honesty and truth. He learns to respect people, and to love his nation. There he learns to pray and worship God, and finally, to give his heart to Christ as Savior.

If the home fails in these formative years, all of the other influences which will later come to bear upon his life, may fail to set the youth in the right path.

That is why we must pray for Christian homes: homes where God is loved and Christ is enthroned; homes where the Bible reading and prayer are practiced; homes where the family goes to church together, and serves God together; homes where love is lived in the family circle; homes where sin and hypocrisy are ruled out, and righteousness and truth are the way of life.

Such homes may not be able to save the present generation, but they will influence it, and they most certainly will help solve some of the problems of coming generations.

God give us Christian homes!

# Are The Chickens Coming Home To Roost?

The whole nation stands amazed and appalled at what is happening on the college campuses.

We see students marching against war, protesting against law and order, and restraint, and demanding a voice in administration. We see them seize buildings, enter, and even destroy, important files, burn or otherwise desecrate the American flag, use obscenities and profanity profusely, advocate the use of narcotics, demand full sexual freedom without moral restraint, urge that educational standards be lowered, join hippie movements, love-ins, etc., until we are sickened by the scene and wonder what will happen next.

Of course, it is only a minority of the students who are doing these things, but enough are participating that it is creating an alarming situation. There is some encouragement right now that Americans have had enough of this, and are demanding that it be stopped.

From whence is all of this movement coming? Can it be possible that the old saying "The chickens are coming home to roost" is now seeing fulfillment? Have not these same universities, and even schools at lower levels, along with books, television and other media, been teaching these young people that there is no God, or that if there is one, he has nothing to do with the processes of life on the earth? Have they not been telling these young people that the Bible is simply a book of old folk lore and is not to be taken seriously?

Have they not told them that man is the product of an evolutionary process and is simply at one stage in his development? Have these teachers not denied the Bible's revelation that man's nature is inherently evil, and that he needs salvation? Have they not sneered at blood redemption through the death of Christ on the cross, and the idea that there is life beyond the grave, with judgment to be faced, and an eternity in heaven or hell? Have they not scoffed at the ten commandments, or at Christ's teaching in the Sermon on the Mount? Are not these the teachings of the liberalism and the atheism that has permeated much of the modern educational system?

What else could be expected, but that some of the young people would believe these teachings, and begin to live accordingly? Some teachers and philosophers have "sown to the wind" and now they are "reaping the whirlwind."

We do not believe that it is Christian young people, those who have been born again through personal faith in Jesus Christ, who are causing, or even seriously participating in the alarming things happening across the nation today. We have seen few evidences of students in Christian institutions joining in revolt and revolutionary action.

Unless we can change the trend of teaching which now is so popular, we can expect things to grow only steadily worse. Never has there been a time when solid Christian education was so much needed.

# "QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

"EVERY CHURCH must give attention to outreach if it is to truly express itself and continue to exist. Reaching out for others who do not know Christ is so much a part of the very nature of a church that this activity must be given full and free expression on a continuing basis."—A. V. Washburn

MUSIC "God is no author, and not man. He laid the keynote of all harmonies. He planned all perfect combinations and He made us so that we could hear and understand."—Brainard

THERE IS NOT a more prudent maxim than to live with one's enemies as if they may one day become one's friends.—Lord Chesterfield (1757)

A FRIEND is one to whom we may pour out the contents of our hearts, and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will sift it, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away.—(An Arabian definition)

# Questions SBC Program

Dear Editor, I have studied with interest and deep disappointment the copy of the program of the SBC next June 10th to 13th and think that it is about the worst I have ever seen on paper.

With the fast changing needs, problems and opportunities, I wonder why we must follow practically the same format year after year. With the wealth of training and ability in our Convention I wonder why we must have so many of the same men repeating each year.

Only twenty minutes has been given to the Christian Life Commission to try to present the critical issues of our society in great turmoil. Southern Baptists have a definite role in the most exciting, the most challenging, the most difficult period in human history. Why not become involved in this period of suffering human kind?

To me it is tragic that we have practically the same old program given year after year for we have so

# NEW BOOKS

SIMPLE SERMONS ON HEAVEN, HELL, AND JUDGEMENT by W. Her. schel Ford (Zondervan, \$2.95, 166 pp.) This is Dr. Ford's 27th book in the "Simple Sermons" series. As usual, the sermons are expository and Bible-centered. Here he broadly ranges over the massive themes of heaven, hell, and judgment.

THE BOOKS OF NAHUM AND ZEPHANIAH by T. Miles Bennett (Baker, paperback, 162 pp., \$1.95) An inexpensive but effective, study manual on the books of Nahum and Zephaniah. The author is professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Seminary.

many critical problems facing our denomination and our nation. No one could deny that we have war in Viet Nam; poverty; race; water, air and land pollution; a world population explosion; crisis in the cities and rural deterioration; slums and ghettos; growth in crime and juvenile delinquency; youth rebellion and student revolts; a spread of alcoholism, narcotic addiction, sex freedom and gambling; and a serious decline in Christianity and influence of the church. We face a new morality, abortion, the aging, the lonely, the sickness of the family, the church-state relations, and religious freedom, which call for a dedicated involved church.

Yet we have practically the same reports year after year and almost miss the weightier matters of Christianity and man. It is claimed that the SBC is supposed to be primarily a business session for our denomination and in matters of religion. But what right do we have to assume that in matters of religion? One thing must be said for the program committee, they have proved themselves master musicians, that is, "playing the fiddle while the world burns."

Henry V. Langford  
Richmond, Virginia

# ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

"The Army has ordered chaplains to eliminate all reference to God and religious philosophy in lectures aimed at instilling moral responsibility in its soldiers. An Army spokesman confirmed the new policy this week after word of it had reached some members of Congress, angering many of them. The new policy was prompted by a complaint last year from the American Civil Liberties Union that the lectures were being used as religious indoctrination. The ACLU now is asking the Air Force and Navy to take similar steps. The character guidance programs, which are mandatory and long part of the Army troop-training activities, are intended to be secular in nature and not connected with chaplains' religious duties. While chaplains commonly instruct the one-hour classes other officers also serve as instructors." (Louisville Courier-Journal, 3-29-68)

"The government filed an unprecedented petition yesterday urging that Negro victims of blockbusting be reimbursed 'millions and millions of dollars' for a 'race tax' they were forced to pay on their homes. It charged that such a race tax involved the charging of higher prices and interest rates to Negro home purchasers solely because they are black. 'Negroes have paid millions and millions of dollars throughout this country because of these transactions,' said Asst. Atty. Gen. Jerris Leonard. The government move came in a 'friend of the court' memorandum filed in U. S. District Court in Chicago in support of a suit brought by Negro home owners in Chicago against 82 real estate agents, investors and lending institutions. Although the action directly affects only Chicago Negroes, Leonard said it also is designed 'to lay out a principle' that would offer court remedies to Negro blockbusting victims throughout the country. Blockbusting — a technique whereby white homeowners are induced to sell at low prices so that profits, on resale to Negroes, will be much higher — was outlawed by the 1968 Open Housing Act." (Nashville Tennessean)



# Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

# Christian Motherhood: Two Facets Of Glory

Christian motherhood is comparable to a diamond in this regard: there are so many facets of goodness and glory, that every look at the gem brings new flashes of brilliance and beauty. The Christian mother is too wonderful to describe in one column; therefore, let's concentrate upon two of the many aspects of her inspiring life.

## No Price Too High

In a recent spring, a lovely woman told me of her niece who was expecting her first child, but whose doctors had told her frankly that it might be impossible to save both lives. With the dedication and heroism of which only Christian women are capable, the expectant mother had written her aunt to say: "If only one of us can live, I want it to be the baby; for, how do we know that, in the footsteps of a baby born long ago in Bethlehem, the little one born to me could become one of the world's great blessings?"

The willingness to sacrifice to bring little life into the world, to stand by the child from infancy to adulthood at sacrifice of time, outside opportunities, clothes, car, and even comforts and conveniences is so universal among good, great mothers that it is a hallmark among them. Willingness to sacrifice to the ultimate for the wellbeing of her child is the first of the two facets of glory which flashes its brilliance as we look at the gem.

## No Turning Back

The second facet of goodness and

glory coming to us from the gem of Christian motherhood is this: If she ever gives up hope for her children, she is the very last one on the earth who does so! Teachers, relatives, neighbors, counselors, psychiatrists, and even juries and judges may decide that a child is hopeless; but, standing near him in weal or woe, is the mother who knows that he isn't as bad as they said; or that, given another chance, he will do better; or that, though he has made a serious mistake in judgment or action, he will make the best of a bad situation and come through acceptably!

The mother who searched every summer for a decade in the forests of the west for the plane wreckage and body of her son, even when her husband became infirm and could not accompany her, reminds us not only of the "keeping on keeping on" of Christian motherhood, but brings to mind Kipling's immortal declaration: "If I were hanged on the highest hill, I know whose love would follow me still. . . . If I were drowned in the deepest sea, I know whose tears would come down to me. . . . If I were damned in body and soul, I know whose prayers would make me whole, MOTHER OF MINE!"

To the capacity of Christian mothers to sacrifice to the ultimate and to follow up with love and devotion undying, let's lift our hearts in a song of praise and gratitude!

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# Master Control INSIGHT

Southern Baptists' Radio-Television Commission

Prevention . . . The Best Cure.

By Dr. Charles Myers, Pastor Alta Woods, Jackson.

Our home was formerly in the city where a state penitentiary is located. The officials of the penitentiary have been working on a pre-release program. For several weeks before a prisoner is to be released he lives in a separate part of the prison where he hears a number of lectures, views a number of movies and has private interviews all of which are designed to help him make a better adjustment to life outside the prison walls.

It was my privilege from time to time to talk to these men about the church, what they can expect from the church and what they can contribute to the church.

I was out there one week and spoke to about forty men. Mostly, they were young men. They were withdrawn, not sure what to expect of me and equally uncertain about what the future held. They listened with a strange silence. When the meeting was over they returned to their quarters with little comment.

Only the men themselves know what good, if any, was accomplished. I went out there because I wanted to help. In my own heart I was not sure that I had done any good. Perhaps time will tell.

The one thing that seemed to stand out was the futility of the whole thing. We did not have to be there. These young men could have been living outside those walls earning a good living and making a contribution to society. The looks on their faces, the way they reacted to the discussions, their walking silently away did not have to be the way it was. You keep asking yourself if you are not working at the wrong place.

Do not misunderstand me. I am happy to do anything possible for the man in prison. I pray earnestly that each of these men can make a proper adjustment to life and never return to prison.

I just wish they had never had to come here in the first place. Our major emphasis needs to be upon preventing the crime so there will be fewer criminals to rehabilitate.

And what is the best way to prevent crime? It is to change the nature of men and women. And how do you do that? You lead them to understand that every last one of us is a sinner. Before God there is no difference in us. Then you lead them to confess to God their sin and, in godly sorrow for it, ask Him to forgive. He will forgive as they accept Jesus Christ to be their personal Saviour. The sin which is theirs shall be borne by Him and they shall become new creatures in Christ.

A life in Christ prohibits a life in crime. With God's help they can conquer evil rather than be conquered by it.

The only permanent crime prevention is to bring people to Christ where they can become new people with a new power to overcome the evils of life.

# New Album Shows Humorous Side Of Baptist Life

CHM Recordings, a division of Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, announced today the release of an album of musical, religious satire by Dan McBride of Dallas, Texas. The long-play stereo album is entitled, "Tiptoe Through the Tithers." A 28-year-old baritone of Southern Baptists, and a taste for humor, satire, and familiar tunes is becoming widely known for a unique kind of ministry. The material from the album is being used on the popular radio variety program "Master Control."

McBride, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilmer, Texas, for the last two and a half years, believes he is engaged in a ministry not limited to preaching but which is often successful in putting over points congregations might fail to grasp from sermons alone.

The album may be obtained from a local Baptist Book Store or the Radio-TV Commission.

# Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

May 12 — John F. Carter, faculty, Clarke College; Jimmy D. Davis, BSU director, Perkinston Junior College.

May 13 — Betty Lowe, medical-surgical instructor, Gilfoy School of Nursing; Billy R. Trotter, MC faculty.

May 14 — Jessie S. Nolen, staff, Children's Village; G. E. Jolly, Tallahatchie superintendent of missions.

May 15 — Roy Collum, trustee, Children's Village; M. F. Rayburn, Christian Action Commission.

May 16 — Grace Lovelace, Mrs. Ruth McKellar, Mrs. Anne McWilliams, Carolyn Madison, Baptist Building employees.

May 17 — Sarah Gray, staff, Wm. Carey College; Thomas Dean, staff Carey College.

May 18 — Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Wilma J. Harris, Baptist Book Store.

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THE CANHOTO RIVER, seen here from the main bridge into Sao Jose da Laje, Alagoas, Brazil, overflowed March 14, resulting in the deaths of more than 1,000 persons and destruction of part of the town of 6,000. (Photo by Roberta E. Hampton)

Of the 30 families represented in the membership of the Baptist church in Sao Jose da Laje, Alagoas, Brazil, 23 were directly affected by a flood which hit the town in the early morning of March 14, as the rampaging water of the Canhoto River left its banks.

Four of the church-related families lost relatives who were not church members. Fourteen were left without shelter or personal belongings, and all but two lost their sources of income. Moacir Teixeira, a teen-age member of the church, died in the flood.

Southern Baptist Missionary Roberta E. Hampton relates experiences of some of the church members:

Antonio Jesuina Teixeira lost three children in the flood. Awakened by a neighbor knocking at the door, he dived into the water, climbed over a wall around the house, and grabbed a concrete light pole, which soon broke under the pressure of the rushing water. Second and third light poles also broke. He reached the corner of a housetop and remained there, battling the water, until daybreak, about two hours later.

His wife found safety on a water tank, but she had become separated from her four-year-old son. About three hours later the child somehow reached the tank. A teen-age daughter had tried to carry a younger sister on her shoulders, but after about an hour, when the water got high enough to enter her mouth, she had to loosen the arms of the child and make her way to safety alone.

Antonio Teixeira says that, through the disaster his faith has become more firm, and that his wife, also a believer, has asked for reconciliation

with the church," says Mrs. Hampton.

Joao Leal, who lived beside the old church building, futilely tried to save his wife from the flood waters. He sought temporary refuge on top of a water tank, which remained standing where part of the old church building divided the current.

When Waldemar Feijo returned to Sao Jose da Laje from Macelo, where he had been doing some carpentry work for Missionary Boyd A. O'Neal, he discovered that one of his daughters had died in the flood. Still, he says that his faith is sure.

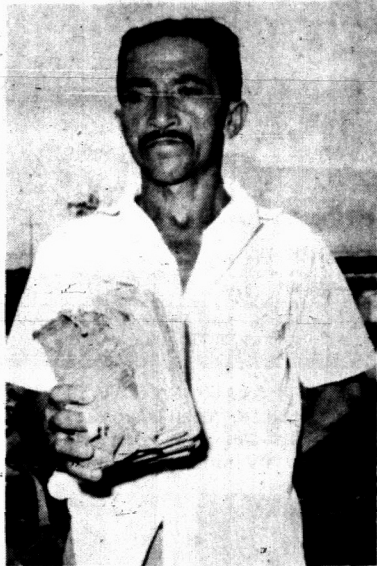
Altogether more than 1,000 people died and about 1,300 houses were destroyed in the flood, reports Miss Hampton. Of the town's 6,000 inhabitants, many have no means to provide food, clothing, and shelter for themselves. In many cases three or more families share a small house, sometimes with dogs. They have no plans for the future and do not know what to do.

Much of the debris from the flood has been pushed aside by bulldozers, and parts of the town have been leveled. Bodies uncovered days and weeks after the flood were immediately buried in a hole scooped out by the bulldozers. In a little cemetery on a hill overlooking the town, as many as 12 bodies were buried in a single grave.

The North Brazil Baptist Mission has requested relief funds from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Plans call for using this money to help the flood victims rehabilitate themselves and become self-supporting again.

After O'Neal visited the scene of the disaster, he has become more firm, and that his wife, also a believer, has asked for reconciliation

## Baptists Suffer In Brazil Flood



ANTONIO JESUINA TEIXEIRA, of Sao Jose da Laje, Alagoas, Brazil, holds a coverless Bible he found after a March flood destroyed part of the town. A member of the Baptist church there, Mr. Teixeira lost three children in the disaster. (Photo by Roberta E. Hampton)



THIS SIGN was placed by Waldemar Feijo to show where his daughter died in the March flood that destroyed part of the town of Sao Jose da Laje, Alagoas, Brazil. Feijo is a member of the town's Baptist church. (Photo by Roberta E. Hampton)

### Japan Baptists Baptized 1,101

Churches and missions of the Japan Baptist Convention baptized 1,101 persons in 1967, according to *The Baptist*, the Convention's official publication.

Rev. Worth C. Grant, press representative for the Japan Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and associate secretary of Jordan Press, the publishing house of the Convention, reports that total membership in the 133 churches and 110 missions is 21,046. Total average attendance at morning worship services was 8,198, or about 34 per church or mission.

Other figures showed 24,707 enrolled in Sunday School, 1,793 in Baptist Brotherhood organizations, 3,143 in Woman's Missionary Union, 2,865 in the youth department, 1,038 in boys' and girls' mission study groups, and 851 in the training program.

loaded with supplies to the town. Included were clothing gathered, washed, and mended by members of Baptist churches, \$250 worth of merchandise donated by one businessman, and \$500 raised principally for the town's Baptists. Also, 500 copies of the New Testament, special Crusade of the Americas edition, were distributed among the people.

Israel Pimentel, pastor of the 85-member Baptist church in Sao Jose da Laje, has strung up his hammock (last Christmas) to help distribute the relief supplies. (He lives in a neighboring town.)

Jose Goncalves da Silva and his wife have continued the distribution when the pastor could not be in town. In spite of having lost, by water damage, all the furniture in their hotel, they have given their time and efforts in helping less fortunate people.

According to Miss Hampton, Easter this year was quite different for most of the residents of Sao Jose da Laje. "There were no huge Catholic processions, no merry-making, no special programs usually associated with Easter," she says. "There was a quiet manifestation of thanksgiving and of renewed faith in the living Christ, the son of God."



### "...A Joyful Mother"

PSALM 113:9—"...A joyful mother..." "The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." Henry Ward Beecher—(Home Board Photo)

## MCTo Install \$50,000 Pipe Organ In Old Chapel

Mississippi College officials have announced plans for the installation of a \$50,000 pipe organ in the historic Old Chapel auditorium that will allow the college to step up its offerings in church music and organ.

The new musical instrument — a 33-rank Moller — is currently being manufactured by M. P. Moller, Inc., Hagerstown, Md., with installation scheduled in December of this year.

According to Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at the college, the organ will be installed in simple, but artistic, fashion across the back wall of the current stage. The keyboard will be located on the auditorium floor level.

The organ, already being labeled one of the "finest in the state," was from the Harrison P. St. John family of Brooksville. Mr. St. John is a 1924 graduate of the college and is one of six brothers who attended the Baptist college.

"The combining of the new organ with the Old Chapel will produce an experience in both music and worship

that will probably be unmatched in the state," claimed Dr. Lyall.

The availability of the organ will allow the college to step up its offerings in this particular area. Dr. Lyall said his department is receiving more calls for church organists than it can supply. He said the installation of the new pipe organ would attract and inspire more young people to train for this facet of church-related vocations.

Anticipating the new instrument, the college expanded its music faculty last year with the addition of Dr. John Johnson as assistant professor of music. Dr. Johnson, a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with emphasis in church music, coordinates the offerings in this area at the college.

Organ instruction is handled by Mr. R. Trotter, assistant professor of organ. A member of the faculty since 1964, Trotter holds degrees from Carson-Newman and George Peabody College and had done additional graduate study in organ at Peabody. He is currently working toward his doctorate in Applied Music, Organ.

## Clarke College To Offer Cooperative Scholarships

By W. L. Compere, President  
Clarke College

Clarke College is beginning this fall a program designed to help meet the great need of our Baptist churches for more ministers and other vocational Christian workers.

The decline in the number of young people entering the ministry and related vocations, which has been felt by other denominations for many years, is now facing Baptists.

Many of our leaders are concerned that at this time when more churches are being established, part-time churches are moving to full-time, and large numbers of churches are adding staff positions, we face an increasing shortage of qualified people for these vital ministries.

As one step toward meeting this

critical need Clarke College offers to join with individual Mississippi Baptist churches in a program of cooperative scholarships for young people who have felt and responded to the Divine call and dedicated their lives to vocational Christian service.

The college will match any scholarship provided by the student's home church or one of the regular organizations of the church up to the amount of \$60 per semester, which is \$120 per year, or \$240 for the two years at Clarke.

Thus the student may receive aid from the College and his home church up to a total of \$480 for the two years.

The board of trustees has committed a portion of the college's endowment earnings as matching funds for these scholarships.



### A Missionary Mother

DOT (MRS. THOMAS W.) GRAHAM, missionary appointee to Japan, and her daughter, Janet Elizabeth. The baby was born while her parents were attending a 16-week orientation for new missionaries at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly, in 1967. (Photo by Kenneth R. Bragg)



## SCRAPBOOK



### Her Day

This is her day... though every day is hers, Brimmed as they are with urgent tasks and deeds: The glad young mother who must daily meet Small children's constant needs. This is her day; the mother who has seen Her children grow like young corn in the sun.

Tall, straight, and clean, who takes a keen delight And pride in every one.

This is her day... the mother now grown old, Who folds her hands, and slowly rocks - her chair. Who nods and smiles across the gathering dusk At a child who is not there.

This is their day, the mothers of the world And the whole nation pauses as it should, To honor them who know the poignant pain... And joy of motherhood. Grace Noll Crowell

### SO LONG AS THERE ARE HOMES

"So long as there are homes where fires burn And there is bread; So long as there are homes where lamps are lit And prayers are said; Although people falter through the dark— And nations grope— With God Himself back of these little homes— We have sure hope." —Crowell

### Tribute To A Mother

Faith that withstood the shocks of toil and time; Hope that defied despair; Patience that conquered care; And loyalty, whose courage was sublime; The great deep heart that was a home for all— Just, eloquent, and strong In protest against wrong; Wide charity, that knew no sin, no fall; The Spartan spirit that made life so grand. Mating poor daily needs With high, heroic deeds, That wrested happiness from Fate's hard hand. —Louisa May Alcott

### The Bravest Battle

The bravest battle that ever was fought; Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you will find it not. It was fought by the mothers of men. —Joaquin Miller

### "Your Mother" and "My Mother"

Appreciate your Mother, Lad; Refrain from deeds that make her sad; She may be gone next Mother's Day Be thoughtful of her while you may. Be kind to "MOTHER"—lift her load; She's had a hard and weary road. Her hands are rough from added toil Because of things that you have soiled. Lad, LOVE your Mother; let her know She'll thrill to hear you tell her so. Her sacrifice for you, was great

### Anna Jarvis

The first Mother's Day was held May 12, 1907, at Andrews Methodist Church, Grafton, West Virginia. Anna Jarvis (pictured) was originator of the idea.

If I am Thy child, O God, it is because Thou gavest me such a mother.—St. Augustine

### Analyzing Mothers

Mothers are good at drying tears, Washing necks and scrubbing ears, Forgiving each fault as it comes along And seeing a right in every wrong. Mothers are the appointed few Who seem in league with the sandman's crew, And mothers know that feeding time is anywhere from nine to nine. Mothers can scold but deep inside is a loving heart that has to hide A hurt while reprimand is made Or as the need, a hairbrush laid. Mothers are made of the strangest things, And one is an angel minus wings. Most of the time, but then, you see, Mothers are human like you and me.

### Mom's Translation

There is a story about four clergymen who were discussing the merits of the various translations of the Bible. One liked the King James version best because of its simple, beautiful English.

Another liked the American Revised Version best because it is more literal and comes nearer the original Hebrew and Greek.

Still another liked Moffatt's translation best because of its up-to-date vocabulary.

The fourth minister was silent. When asked to express his opinion, he replied, "I like mother's translation best." "She translated it into life, and it was the most convincing translation I ever saw." —Bulletin, First, Aberdeen

### Watching From The Window

"Her thoughts were all so full of us, She never could forget! And so I think that where she is She must be watching yet. Waiting till we come home to her, Anxious if we are late— Watching from heaven's window, Leaning from Heaven's gate." —Margaret Widdemer

### Warmth

There is a warmth in the house When I walk in the door; It could be the heater or The rug on the floor— I think it is my mother's Love for me; For without her love and warmth, No warmth or love could ever be. Robert Schmid, Atlanta, Ga., Age 10



### With Love

ON MOTHER'S DAY Americans annually honor the person who is the cornerstone of the family.—(RNS Photo)



## Parkview's New Sanctuary Is One Of First Designed For Television

The South's first television designed church began Delta TV broadcasts Sunday morning, April 6, from Greenville.

Parkview Church, Greenville, the first church in the South especially designed and equipped to broadcast television, has begun its airwaves ministry, according to Rev. R. W. Dorsey, pastor. The church's new sanctuary was dedicated the week of March 30 - April 6.

The Sunday morning worship services is transmitted over Channel 6, WABG facilities, but the TV coverage will originate and be completely controlled from the new \$300,000 sanctuary of Parkview Church.

Invalids and shut-ins throughout the Delta will be able to enjoy Sunday morning church services via the broadcasts.

While television broadcasts of church services are not unusual, the design and construction, as well as

the electronic facilities of the Parkview Church are unique.

Designed by Greenville architect, Joe N. Wellenman, the new sanctuary has a television gallery, audio and video control centers and special studio lighting equipment so designed as to be almost completely hidden from the congregation.

The TV cameras, able to move freely the width of the church in their special balcony, the fully equipped control center with monitors and special effects switching and the lighting and audio systems will be manned completely by the laymen of the church. No professional crews will be used.

TV facilities are not the only unique feature of the new church. The unique baptistry, designed by Pastor Dorsey and the architect, is located across the entire front of the church directly behind the pulpit and in front of the choir.

The long pool is entered by gentle ramps and candidates for baptism will be accompanied by deacons into the water. This design stemmed from a desire to bring baptism into the midst of the people.

The seating capacity of 500 is as wide as it is deep.

The special lighting has almost limitless versatility and will dramatically lead the eye of the worshiper. The congregation area is illuminated by indirect beams hidden in coves. Reflected light from the warm wood ceiling, nearly 40 feet above the congregation, provides a soft and pleasing effect.

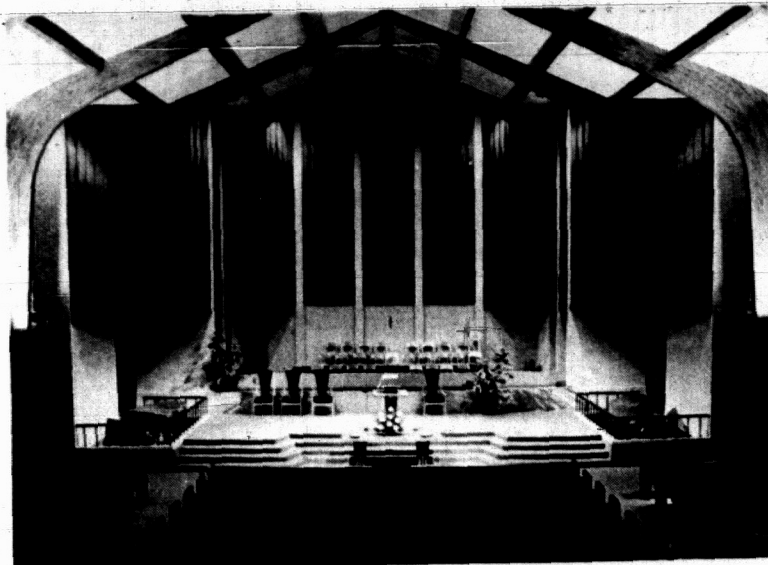
The pulpit, Lord's Supper Table, piano, organ, choir and baptistry, are lighted by special, controllable fixtures.

The great arched windows of the church are acrylic plastic in five basic colors. The windows are fabricated with special seams to simulate leaded glass. The window designs are an original concept of Joe N. Wellenman.

The unusual pulpit is designed to electrically raise and lower to adjust to the height of each person using it. The design is not only practical for normal use, but made necessary by television.

The television cameras are equipped with zoom lens as well as wide and telephoto lens. The audio-broadcast console has the capacity to integrate the ten microphone channels in the building and the video console can superimpose, fade and switch the broadcast picture.

In addition the new sanctuary is richly carpeted and its acoustics are considered superior. A full program of television services is forecast for the future and Mr. Dorsey has expressed the hope that all Delta residents who cannot attend church Sunday, turn on the Parkview Church Sunday services beginning at 11 a.m. over Channel 6. The schedule of services for the



THE NEW \$300,000 SANCTUARY of Parkview Church, Greenville, was dedicated April 6. Television services to the Delta will originate Sunday on Channel 6. The new church building has full broadcast facilities and will provide a TV ministry to the area.



THE TELEVISION FACILITIES of Parkview Church, Greenville will be staffed entirely by laymen, members of the church. Shown practicing for the first Delta-wide broadcast on Channel 6, were, from left, Rev. R. W. Dorsey, pastor, Charles Lott, John Hackett and John Black.

week of dedication of the sanctuary included concerts by Belmont College Men's Glee Club, Nashville, Tenn.; "Him" Singers of Jackson; Parkview's choir; and R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City; an organ recital by Jerry Claxton; and the presentation of the folk musical, "Good

News," by the Parkview young people.

Special speakers for the week included Dr. John G. McCall, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, Vicksburg; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Rev. W. D. Kirk, Billy Jernberg was organizer for the Sunday services.

W. A. Watts was chairman of the Building Committee.

## First, Richton Calls Pastor

Rev. Bill Hale has resigned Pineview Church, Thomasville, Alabama, to become pastor of First Church, Richton. Mr. Hale has been serving as president of Moments of Meditation Inc., a daily ministry conducted over station W. J. D. B. in Thomasville. He used the pen-name, "Hale's View from Pineview." This column was also carried in several weekly papers in Alabama.

Mrs. Hale is the daughter of the late Rev. H. S. Inabnit and Mrs. Hale's mother, Mrs. H. S. Inabnit, now resides in Gadsden, Ala. The Hales have three sons and one daughter. Their oldest son, John, is the kicking specialist and defensive back at the University of Southern Mississippi. Jim finishes at Thomasville High School this year and Tim will be a senior next year. Mary Denise, the youngest, will enter 8th grade next year.

The Hales will move to Richton the first week of June.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Oak Grove (Nashoba): Rev. Carey Douglas, preaching; Rev. Joe Holcomb, student at Clarke College, pastor; 8 professions of faith; three for baptism; two additions by letter; many other decisions.

Houka Church: Crusade of Americas revival; two additions by letter; five for baptism; several rededications; Rev. W. Irwin of Forest Hill Church, Jackson, evangelist; Bill Smith III of Houston, Miss., choir director; Rev. Julian West, pastor.

Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson: April 20-27; Dr. Gray Allison, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, singer; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor; 24 professions of faith; 22 joining the church, for baptism; eight additions by letter; ten rededications; one surrendering for full time Christian service.

Calvary, Greenwood: April 13-20; 150 total decisions; 13 for baptism; 16 by letter; others on rededication and life commitment; Rev. Charles Conley, First, Sardis, evangelist; Donald Brown, First, Indianola, singer. This church has had 101 additions since Aug. 1 - 49 for baptism, 49 by letter, and 3 by statement; Rev. James Terpo, pastor.

First Church, Simsboro, Louisiana: 67 decisions for Christ; Rev. Millard Bennett, pastor of First Church, Drew, Miss., evangelist; the pastor of the church is Rev. Fred W. Guilbert, formerly of Sunflower Church, and a native of Jackson, Miss.; the group had within it one called to missions, one to the ministry, three to fulltime Christian service, and 7 for baptism.



## Sardis 18th in Per Capita Giving

The Sardis Baptist Church in Panola Association was number 18 in the state in per capita giving to missions through the Cooperative Program in 1967-68. Rev. Charles M. Conley has been pastor for the past five years. The Forward Program of Christian Stewardship has been used each year. The Cooperative Program now receives 23% of undesignated gifts and this is being increased at the rate of 1% per year.

This is the home church of Dr. Curtis Askew, missionary to Japan. Four missionary speakers appear before this church each year. The missionary interest is further enhanced by a strong W.M.U. and a good Brotherhood. The church began the Sardis Lake Mission which is now a church and it is now sponsoring a mission in Cicero, a part of greater Chicago.

## At Bluff Springs

## Lay Archaeologists "Dig" The Ground The Most!

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon and a group of about 20 members wove their way down through the woods. The occasion was to visit once again the original church site near Bluff Springs. When the group arrived at the site, they found that some members had already located the old cemetery steps. Members led by their pastor, Rev. Jerry W. Mixon, immediately began to dig around in the leaves and dirt in the attempt to locate some old relic or

souvenir. After a few minutes of digging, the group gathered around the steps and sang some of the old songs. "Amazing Grace"; "Shall We Gather At the River"; "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"; and "Jesus Saves" were among the songs that echoed through the forest once again.

Following the singing, the group shared some experiences from the

past. Some were serious experiences of baptismal service, and some on a lighter side.

Reggie Knippers told of a man who came in one Sunday and sat on the back row. Mr. Knippers explained that the gentleman was bald-headed, and the minute he sat down a red wasp stung him on top of his head. The fellow jumped up and ran out of the church.

The group then listened to their pas-

tor bring a plea from the book of Jeremiah to the group. "This is the way our church needs to walk together." Before the group dismissed and began the journey back home, Louie Smith led in a prayer of dedication. Some of the relics found were bricks, boards, part of an old drinking glass, forgotten memories, and for all a deepening experience that God has not and never will change.

## White Named Editor Charity and Children

THOMASVILLE, N. C. (BP) — J. White, age 43, is a native of Texas. The Church and State, monthly periodical of the Americans United for Separation of Church and State organization, has been chosen as the new editor of Charity and Children, according to W. R. Wagoner, president of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

## Walthall Young People To Present "Purpose" Religious Folk Musical

By Fay P. Simmons

Seventy Walthall County young people will present the premier rendition of "Purpose," a contemporary religious folk musical on Sunday night, May 11, at 7 O'clock in the Tylertown church sanctuary.

"Purpose," described as a "timely and timeless musical with the popular folk sound that speaks to today's youth," is under the direction of David Grimsley, Tylertown minister of music.

Mr. Grimsley, who led about eighty young people last summer in a 3-month touring presentation of the popular religious folk sing-out, "Good

News," says "Purpose" was born out of the expressed need of youth in a local church situation to have some music with which they could identify and express their spiritual needs. Written by Phillip Landgrave of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Grimsley describes "Purpose" as similar to "Good News," yet different.

The Tylertown music minister, who has been in practice session with the youth group for three months on this program, says he is excited about the new sound of today's music. "Because without it we would not be meeting the needs of our young people. It relieves youth boredom and re-

vives their spirit. The musical "Purpose" asks young people the question, "Do you have a purpose in life?"

Mr. Grimsley has chosen as an added choral selection for the program, "He's Everything To Me," from the Billy Graham film "The Restless Ones." Guitars, drums, flutes, and a piano will provide the instrumental background for the presentation.

The "Purpose" choir will be made up of about 50 members of the Tylertown Church Youth Choir, sponsors of the program, and 20 members from the other county churches. Soloists are Julie Crawford, Judy Fortenberry, and Jerome Brock; instrumentalists — guitars, Charlie Jackson, Truett Simmons, Frank Winn, and Ricky Kennedy; drums, Walter Burnett; flutes, Janis Crawford, Julie Crawford and Rhonda Harvey; piano, Mrs. Adrie Brock; and dialogue

leader, Ann Sullivan.

The Tylertown youth choir made eleven group appearances in a 4-county area with the "Good News" presentation last summer. In addition, the choir sang at Houston, Texas, with a 1500-member "Good News" choir, and provided three soloists and two guitarists for the 1968 Jackson, Miss., New Year's "Good News" program. Director Grimsley says plans are to tour "Purpose" during May in the South Mississippi area to school and church audiences.

The public is invited to attend the premier performance of "Purpose" May 11. Many Walthall County churches will omit their regular Sunday night's services in order to attend the Tylertown musical program.



SOME OF 70-member Tylertown Youth Choir Group who will sing "Purpose," folk musical, on May 11. Left to right: Brenda Laird, Rhonda Harvey, Janis Crawford. Standing left to right, Truett Simmons, Jerome Brock, Linda Beard, Walter Wexler, Becky Bullock and director, David Grimsley.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## The Bible In The Language Of The People

By Clifton J. Allen  
Nehemiah 8:1-3,8; Habakkuk 2:2;  
Acts 2:1-12

The purpose of the Bible is to communicate God's word to man. As the written record of revelation, language has to be the medium of communication. This requires that the Bible be in the languages which people can read. The Bible originally was chiefly in two languages — the Old Testament in Hebrew, with very brief sections in Aramaic, and the New Testament in Greek. Before the beginning of the Christian era, beginning about 280 B.C., the Hebrew Old Testament was translated into Greek, to make it more readable by Jews in countries removed from Palestine. When completed, probably more than a hundred years before Christ, it was called the Septuagint. Its influence on Judaism, and later on the New Testament, was tremendous. Translations of the New Testament began early in the Christian era — in Coptic, Latin, and other languages. Translating the Scriptures into the language of the people was surely ordained of God — that people might read and get the meaning (Neh. 8:8) and that the revelation of God might bear the fruits of faith and good works.

### The Lesson Explained The Coming of the Holy Spirit (vv. 1-4)

This definite coming of the Spirit was the fulfillment of Christ's promise to the disciples to send the Spirit to guide them into truth and to empower their witness. Now the Spirit came — an event as definite as the coming of Christ — accompanied by supernatural manifestations of his presence. The sound like that of a mighty wind and the tongues like as of fire separating and resting on each of the believers symbolized both force and utterance. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues, "as the Spirit gave them utterance." This clearly seems to be, not ecstatic speech, but a miracle of communication on a particular occasion and in keeping with the purpose and wisdom and power of God. The Holy Spirit made it possible for the gospel message to be declared in various languages.

**Each In His Own Language (vv. 5-12)**  
Thronged of people were in Jerusalem for Pentecost — Jews from all parts of the Roman world. They began to hear, each in his own language, the witness of the Christians. The people in the crowd were all the more amazed because the Christians by their brogue or accent were known to be from Galilee. No wonder they asked, "What meaneth this?" Simon Peter, in the sermon that followed, spoken in Aramaic we may be certain, interpreted the coming of the Spirit as the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel and went on to proclaim

the truth about Jesus Christ, as a result of which — by the power of the quickening Spirit — multitudes came under conviction of their guilt and their need and then to an experience of repentance and faith unto salvation.

### Message and Meaning Through Language

The importance of language as the medium through which we receive the message and meaning of the biblical revelation merits recognition and emphasis. It needs to be remembered that there can be no perfect transfer of message and meaning from one language to another. Ideas and thought forms and grammatical construction do not have perfect counterparts in another language. There can be no perfect translation. But the main trust of this lesson is a recognition of the fact that we are dependent on translation as a medium of receiving the word of God. Also, it is helpful to read several translations. A fuller knowledge still can come through the use of aids in biblical study. The Holy Spirit is always related to the Word. He guided in the writing and preservation. He guides in translation and publication, in reading and proclamation.

### Truths to Live By

The translation of the Bible is a thrilling story of providential purpose and blessing. — The translation of the Old Testament into Greek, the Septuagint, is the oldest available copy of the Old Testament. The most important translation of the early centuries of the Christian era was the Latin Vulgate. These two translations not only made the scriptures available to uncounted numbers of people but made an invaluable contribution to establishing the most authentic original texts of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures. Many other translations since about the fourth century of the Christian era made the Bible available to increasing numbers of the human family. Translations into English during the past three or four centuries have been most numerous of all. If space could allow the telling of the story, the history of Bible translation would recount indisputable evidence of the guidance and blessing of God's Spirit. It would report exploits unparalleled by any other ministry in the name of Christ.

We owe a great debt to Bible translators. — Along with our debt to translators, we should think of unknown and unnumbered persons who, during Bible times and in subsequent centuries, copied the Scriptures by hand, with painstaking care and tireless labor, to preserve and distribute the written revelation. But we may think particularly of our heritage and our debt with respect to the Bible in the English language. Recall John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, Miles Coverdale, and many others, and remember that Tyndale was burned as a heretic for his translation and publication of the New Testament into English. Others carried forward this sacred ministry.

## Ministering To One's Family

Ruth 2:1-18  
By Bill Duncan

The call to minister should begin with one's own family. However, so often the persons who are conscious of the needs of the community neglect or overlook their own families. I will never forget a lady asking me to try in some way to use some other man as a partner for visitation and encourage her husband to stay at home.

At first this appears as a selfish request on the part of this wife. In considering what her husband did for the community and church, one could see how that his own children had not had their father like they needed him. I did not call upon the man as much as other preachers. I encouraged the two to take a trip together. In a matter of a little more than a year the man passed away.

None of us really know how long we will live, but we do know that we need to give our very best to our family in helping them to develop and mature in the knowledge and image of Christ. It is well and good to help others, but the first responsibility is to one's own family. The way they develop is a testimony of the home.

So many of my friends who are in the ministry of the church are torn between what the church wants them to do and what their family requires. There is a need for all people to reflect this Sunday school lesson, not just the ministers. The needs of one's own family should come before the needs of others in many instances. This is not selfish but scriptural.

### Ministering Through Work

Ruth is an example of the culture of the day. The women not only did many of the chores of the house, but provided for many of the needs that motherhood demanded. She was poor but she is to be commended in that she did not expect someone else to feed her family. The scriptures demanded that the rich provide for the poor by leaving grain in the field. The widow received the grain for her family.

The hardest work ever performed is done in the home. The sleepless nights are never counted when they are for a loved one. The mother's work around the house is not to be compared to the secular jobs that pay high wages. The hours are long and

Some fifty scholars worked nearly three years in preparing the translation which was published in 1611 and became known as the King James Version. Though received in some quarters with indifference and with violent opposition as "the work of the devil," it became in the course of time the Bible of the English-speaking world. Other translations came in order. Scholars from America and Europe joined in translating the Revised Version in England (1885), the American Standard Version (1901), the Revised Standard Version (1946, 1952), and many others. These translations were the fruit of tireless efforts and Christian concern that the inspired revelation of God would be communicated to people "for the obedience of faith."

the acts of gratitude are few. But there is no substitute for the hard work in ministering to one's family.

### Ministering with Love

Many people think it is natural for people to love their family. Yet the story of Ruth always awakens a response because of her love for Naomi. It seems so easy for Ruth to love this one so much that she went with Naomi into a strange country and cared for her needs. The love is what awakens the interest of Boaz in Ruth when he said, "It hath fully been showed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law. . . . No one has said how old Naomi was at the time of the death of her sons, but she must have been up in age.

My heart goes out to those who open their doors to members of their family. "The Lord never built a house big enough for two families," was a favorite saying of a friend of mine. This opens up one's household for tensions as well as loving experiences. I have seen many sons-in-law and daughters-in-law show a real Christian attitude of helpfulness toward the people who had come to live with them. Many times this sacrifice can never be measured by economic measures. However, there is a sense of responsibility that bears heavily upon the family.

### The Reward of Ministering to One's Family

Boaz saw the attitude of Ruth and said, "The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. The right attitude of service always brings the Lord's approval. There is no deed of service that will be overlooked by the Lord. The proper actions and motives of service toward one's family brings its reward. To see a child finally reach mature judgment or to see a teenage reflect parental guidance is reward enough. There are many mothers who give their health in the care of their children and then sit back with the satisfaction of knowing they have done their best. A spoken word of thank you, an embrace, a kiss all reflect

The attitudes expressed toward others outside the family can be misinterpreted but the true self is reflected toward one's family. We need to be as good Christians at home as we are in the church. We must do unto others as we would have them do unto us. But we must not neglect our own families.

## Mrs. Elliott, Seminary Librarian's Widow Dies

FORT WORTH (BP) — Mrs. L. R. Elliott, wife of the late director of libraries and professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, died in her home here on her 83rd birthday, April 14.

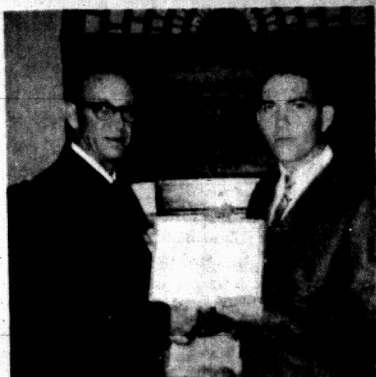
She had lived in Fort Worth since 1919 when her husband became assistant librarian at Southwestern Seminary. He became librarian in 1922, and director of libraries in 1956.

Mrs. Elliott had recently published a biography on her husband entitled, *From Faith to Fact*.

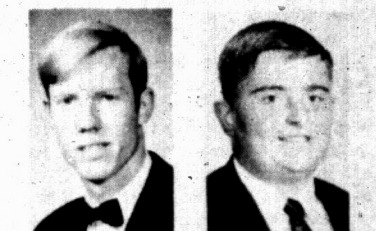
Funeral services were held here April 16. Both were long-time members of Broadway Baptist Church.

## Names In The News

Dr. C. B. Hamlet, III, pastor of Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, is the evangelist in the Crusade of Americas revival meeting in Calvary Baptist Church, Framingham, Massachusetts, May 4-11. Rev. Gordon Sather is the pastor of this thriving church in one of the fastest growing centers in the nation, where the population has increased more than 30% in the last six years. He is a former superintendent of missions of Carroll-Montgomery Associations and Mrs. Gordon Sather served as educational director of First Church, Winona, Massachusetts is the 9th largest state population-wise, and Calvary was the third church organized by Southern Baptists (1963) in the state. The church ministers to a population area of 160,000 persons. There are only eight Southern Baptist churches in the entire state. Recently a Southern Baptist couple drove 42 miles to worship with the Calvary church. March 31st a check for \$25,000.00 was received from the Baptist Building Foundation, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. This loan, together with help from the Wallace Foundation and the Baptist Home Mission Board, means that construction of the new building for Calvary is now underway. Some churches from Mississippi are among those helping in the repayment of these loans. Dr. Hamlet left Hattiesburg by plane Friday, May 2, and will return Saturday, May 10.



Philip Caples was licensed to the gospel ministry by the Derma Church on Sunday, April 20. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Caples. His father is pastor of the Derma Church. Above, the father is pictured presenting the certificate of license to his son.



Jack Moore, left, and Bobby Shurden, right, were licensed to the gospel ministry on March 9, by Drew Church, Drew, Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Moore of Drew, is a freshman at Delta State College and a member of the track team. Bobby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert T. Shurden of Drew, is a Drew High School junior and will serve as Student Body President for the 1969-70 school year. Rev. Millard Bennett is pastor at Drew.

Colonial Heights, Jackson, expanded its ministry capability recently with the addition of Steve Cloud, Mississippi College senior, as minister to youth. Mr. Cloud, a native of Tampa, Florida, plans to attend Southwestern Seminary this fall. Among the regularly scheduled activities

service on women's days, Sunday night fellowships, Saturday night socials and a week-day Bible study. Rev. Sam Mason is pastor.

Charles Wesley of Ouachita Baptist University will present a special concert in bassoon and alto saxophone accompanied by Miss Evelyn Bulloch Bowden on the piano for the Mississippi College students and faculty on Thursday, May 8, according to Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts.

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## Training Union

### Inspirational And Educational Speakers For Gulfshore Announced



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Dr. Wayne Peterson and Dr. LeRoy Ford are featured inspirational and educational speakers for two Training Union Leadership Conferences scheduled at Gulfshore July 28-30 and July 31 - August 2, 1969.

Peterson is head of the Department of Religion at Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana, and will be speaking at the two morning sessions of each conference.

Ford, outstanding author and professor of Programmed Instruction and Principles of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will be speaking at all four sessions of each conference.



Ford

In addition to these general program personnel, outstanding conference leaders have been secured for all age groups in Training Union, plus two special workshops. During both conferences there will be a special workshop for associational Training Union Directors and Superintendents of Missions. During the conference July 31-August 2 there will be a special workshop for workers with the mentally retarded.

Write for reservations to W. T. Douglas, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi. Send a \$2.00 reservation fee with each request. Adequate plans have been made for all members of family groups, preschoolers, children and youth but these are permitted to attend only if they come with their parents.

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May 11-17

## Hospital To Observe National Hospital Week

Mississippi Baptist Hospital will observe National Hospital Week this year as "more of a community-health facility than ever before," Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator, said today.

Noting that the theme of National Hospital Week May 11-17 is "Your Hospital: Pathway to Progress in Community Health," Pryor said:

"Baptist Hospital is a religious, an educational, and an economic institution as well as a health facility.

"We treat over 16,000 patients a year, and we see 17,000 people a year in our emergency room. All of this, we do as part of a Christian ministry.

"As an educational institution, we train Mississippians as nurses, medical technologists, X-ray technicians and inhalation-therapy technicians in our various schools, and we train

physicians through our intern program.

"As an economic unit, we are one of the largest employers in Jackson. We employ over 900 people. Only three or four industries in the Jackson area employ more. Our annual payroll exceeds \$3,000,000, and our annual budget exceeds \$6,000,000.

"Insofar as service is concerned, we never turn off our lights, and we never close our doors. We're here at 2 a. m. just the same as at 2 p. m."

Pryor added:

"And we're building. A year from now, we will go to our friends and ask their help, in a full-scale fund drive, to build a brand-new 600-room hospital which will be twice as big as our present building, with every room a private room. We plan a seven-story structure with half a million square feet of floor space."

Pryor said hospital officials are conducting a series of meetings with architects and are now studying space allocations and construction-cost projections.

"As for the existing building," said Pryor, "plans have already been projected for its use as an extended-care facility once we occupy the new hospital to be built across the street.

"An extended-care facility will offer an entirely new concept in hospital care for this area. It offers a level of care between that of acute treatment and a convalescent home."

Pryor said a six-bed coronary-care unit is being built on the second floor of the hospital, and he said extensive renovations were recently made on the hospital's surgical suite.

"Also," he added, "we have centralized our nurse-education activities, so that both our professional student nurses and our practical nurses are being instructed in the Gilfoy School of Nursing."

Pryor also pointed out that the Mississippi College School of Nursing will be affiliated with the hospital and will send its students to the hospital for their clinical training on the hospital's nursing units, beginning in September.

The Mississippi College School of Nursing will offer a four-year baccalaureate degree in nursing. It will be only the third such school in the Southern Baptist Conference, and it will be one of four-year nursing schools in Mississippi.

The Gilfoy School at the hospital, which offers a three-year diploma pro-

May of 1971, ending a 60-year history.

Since its establishment in 1911, the Gilfoy School has graduated over 1300 nurses. Most of the graduates have been employed by hospitals in Mississippi.

"All employees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital," said Pryor, "are dedicated to serving the community as a pathway to progress in community health."

"Our employees — from the newest to Bill Hunt, our chief orderly, who will have been with us 40 years on June 25 — invite the public to visit during National Hospital Week."



### Hospital Appoints Director Of Student Nurse Activities

Miss Shirley Upchurch, above, standing, has been appointed to the position of director of student nurse activities at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

Miss Upchurch graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, and was director of music and education at First Church, Holly Springs, Mississippi, for two years. She was a visiting hostess at Baptist Memorial Hospital for 14 months prior to her acceptance of the position of

## Institute English Language Studies Planned For MC

The second annual Institute of English Language Studies will be sponsored by Mississippi College this summer, according to Dr. Sarah Rouse, chairman of the Division of Humanities.

Dr. Rouse, who will serve as Institute director, said the dates selected were June 11 through July 2 and that applications were now being accepted.

"The purpose of the Institute," according to Dr. Rouse, "is to acquaint the participants with recent developments in the study of English linguistics and to point up ways by which they can apply various aspects of this knowledge to their teaching of English." The study is planned primarily for English teachers.

Classes during the three-week period will run from 7:45 a. m. to 9:15 a. m. and from 11:05 a. m. to 12:35 p. m. The intervening time will be used for free time, demonstrations and individual conferences with consultants.

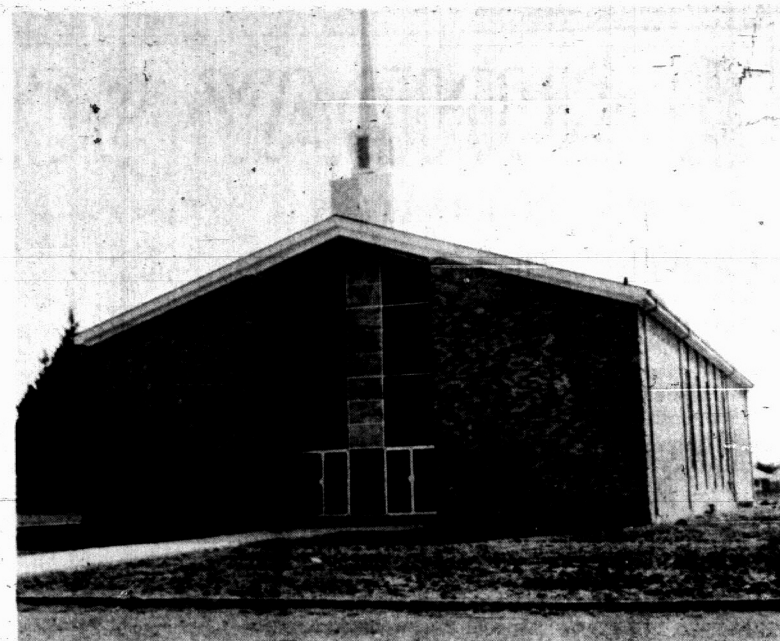
Aiding Dr. Rouse on the Institute faculty and as consultant will be Dr. Kenneth Rainey, assistant professor of English; Ralph Howell, assistant professor of English; and Augustine McPhail, State Supervisor of English, who will serve as general consultant.

To be included in the Institute will be sessions dealing with History of Language, Development of Modern Linguistics, Dictionaries and the Question and Usage, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, and Transformational-generative Grammar.

Students wishing to take part in the seminar and who have not made application to the Mississippi College graduate school, must do so at once. Three semester hours of graduate credit will be awarded those successfully completing the Institute.

She will be responsible for planning recreational and extracurricular activities for the student body and working with the various student organizations.

Assisting her will be Miss Connie Holmes, above, seated, assistant director of student activities, who had been an employee of the Purchasing Department at Baptist Memorial Hospital for a number of years prior to



### Meadowview, Starkville, Dedicates Sanctuary

On Sunday, March 23, the congregation of Meadowview Church, Starkville, met at 3:00 p. m. in order to dedicate the new sanctuary to the service of the Lord. This beautiful new sanctuary located in Longmeadow Subdivision will seat approximately 800 people. "We are looking forward to many worshipful hours of service to the Lord," states Rev. Douglas Dexter, pastor. The dedicatory sermon was given by Bill Nimmons of First Church, Starkville. Special music was given by Mrs. Rodger Henson and Dr. James Russel, and Choir.



### First, Aberdeen, 19th in Per Capita Giving

The First Baptist Church of Aberdeen was number 19 in the state in per capita giving to missions through the Cooperative Program in 1967-68. Rev. James Fancher has been pastor for the past three years. The Forward Program of Christian Stewardship has been used each year for the past eight years.

The Cooperative Program receives an amount based on 24% of the proposed budget. Since this is a priority item in the budget, this amount is given even though the budget may not be reached.

One-third of the budget increase this year is going to the Cooperative Program. This amounts to a \$2,000 increase over last year. On Dedication Day 97% of the budget was pledged.

There is a Cooperative Program emphasis each Sunday during the

### Mountaineer Dedicated

After the presentation of the first complimentary copy of the 1968-69 yearbook, THE MOUNTAINEER, of Blue Mountain College, Miss Marilyn Bennett, left, of New Albany, editor, insists that Academic Dean and Mrs. W. N. Washburn, the honorees, make careful observation of the modern art cover page and section pages, as well as the rereading of the appropriate dedication to Dean and Mrs. Washburn. Projecting the theme, "TIME OUT," Miss Bennett and her staff composed the special Dedication in keeping with their high regard for the dean and his wife. Mrs. Washburn, the former Sarah Sims, is a member of the social science faculty. She is an alumna of the college and is included in the 1969 edition of OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN IN AMERICA. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sims of Kosciusko.



### Devotional

## The Salt Of The Earth

Matthew 5: 13  
By David W. McCubbin  
Associate Pastor  
Minister of Education  
First, Meridian

"Ye are the salt of the earth." In this statement Jesus gives a staggering disclosure of what he expects of his followers. When he spoke of salt he no doubt had in mind the ability of salt to preserve and the power of a pinch of salt to season and flavor food. However, I believe Jesus had in mind more than these well-known properties of salt.

Jesus knew the Old Testament as no one else has ever known it. When Jesus spoke of salt, I believe he had in mind a miracle performed by Elisha the prophet. (II Kings 2)

It seemed to be general knowledge that soon God would take Elisha away. In an uninhabited wilderness God took Elisha to himself in a chariot of fire. Elisha saw it. Who would take his place? The mantle of Elisha fell on Elisha.

When Elisha returned to Jericho, he was approached by some men, who said, "This place is pleasant except for one thing. The water is bad and causes the land to be barren and fruitless." Elisha asked for a cruse of salt and cast it into the spring of water.

"Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land." (II Kings 2:21) So the waters were healed.

The miracle of the salt was proof that God would work through Elisha as he had worked through Elisha. When Jesus went to the father, He passed the mantle of his work on to his disciples. "Ye are the salt of the earth," in essence says, "As God has worked through me so He will work through you." What a responsibility!

The miracle of the salt transformed the character of the water. Where once the water was bitter it became sweet. Where once it was death-dealing it became life-giving. Salt and the power of God made a difference.

As Christ's followers, we are as salt cast into the stream. The power of God operating through us in transforming, affecting individuals and society. We are used to change the bitter to sweet, to see that men pass from death to life. What a responsibility!

## Youth Leaderlab Offers Twenty Skills for Study

NASHVILLE — A Youth Leaderlab for students ages 15 through college age, scheduled for June 5-11, will offer 20 Skill-Labs to develop leadership skills needed in church vocations.

To be held in Rhododendron Hall at Ridgcrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly, the program also includes dramas, music and recreational opportunities.

Of the 20 skills offered Leaderlab participants, eight may be selected for study. The subjects include creativity, setting individual goals, leading congregational singing, developing a good voice, establishing good devotional habits, studying the Bible, ministering to a changing world, solving problems and making decisions, developing good study habits, motivating others, working with groups, living with yourself, improving your ability to communicate, remembering names and faces, getting along with people, delegating effectively, developing personal leadership, managing your time, listening and staying physically fit.

The Youth Leaderlab is planned by the program of vocational guidance, William Clemmons, supervisor, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Ed Seabough of the Home Mission Board will speak for the Sunday services. Music will be under the direction of Richard Hamm with Miss Letha Cole serving as pianist, both of the

church music department at the Sunday School Board.

Total cost for the week, excluding travel costs, is \$45.00. A registration fee of \$6 may be sent to Director, Youth Leaderlab, Program of Vocational Guidance, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

## Off The Record

### Conscience

A taxpayer wrote to the Internal Revenue Service saying, "Gentlemen: Ever since I declared my 1966 income tax, I have a guilty mind for cheating on my return. I just can't sleep.

Here is my check for \$500. And in case I still can't sleep, I'll send you the balance."

### Wag

A teacher instructed her class of youngsters to write an essay on "Our Dog." When she read the resulting masterpieces, she noticed that two of them, written by brothers, were remarkably similar.

Cornering one of the boys, she said, "This reads almost word for word the same as your brother's story."

The youngster looked up at her through innocent eyes. "Yes ma'am, I know. It's the same dog."



### Co-Lin BSU Elects New Officers

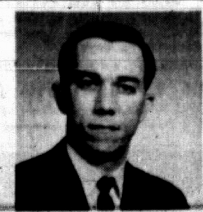
BAPTIST STUDENT UNION officers at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College recently elected for 1968-70 are (left to right) Dot Yeager, Liberty, secretary; Mary Alice McGee, Brookhaven, sophomore girls representative; Susan Smith, Shreveport, La., publicity chairman; and Charlene Walker, Pinola, missions chairman; Regina Jones, Wesson, commuter representative; Barbara King, Natchez, discussion chairman; Debbie Farmer, Brookhaven, music chairman. Third row: Glenn Wallace, Bogus Chitto, worship chairman; Gary Medlock, Magee, president; Sharon Thames, Jayess, worship chairman; and Judy Jones, Bude, vice-president. Fourth row: Sells Newman, Crystal Springs, sophomore boys representative; Kenny Aucoin, Baton Rouge, La., missions chairman; Donald Walker, Pinola, music chairman; and top row: Rev. Roy Smith, BSU director; Tommy King, faculty advisor; and Dr. E. W. Landrum, pastor advisor. Not pictured is Jane Sanders of Wesson, BSU newspaper editor.



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### Six From State Earn Degrees At Southwestern

SIX FROM Mississippi will receive degrees during the spring commencement services at Southwestern Seminary, May 9. Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas since 1952, will deliver the main address. The pro-

gram will begin at 9:30 a. m. in Truett Auditorium on the main campus in Fort Worth, Texas. Eugene Aaron Laird (picture not available) will receive the Master of Divinity degree.

## Revival Dates

### Revival For The Deaf

A revival meeting for the deaf will be held May 14-18 at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, with Sunday services at Jackson Church for the Deaf.

Rev. Carter Bearden, missionary to the deaf under appointment by the Home Mission Board, will be the evangelist. Mrs. Robert Gladney will be in charge of music.

Woodland Hills is helping to sponsor the revival. Evening services will be held there Wednesday through Saturday at 7 Sunday services at the Church for the Deaf will be at 10:45 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Mr. Bearden, a na-

tive of Dallas, Texas, serves as field consultant on ministry to the deaf throughout the SBC. He has served with the Home Mission Board since 1949.

He attended Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. and is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and New Orleans Seminary.

First, Crystal Springs: May 4-11; services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Dr. W. D. Lawes, associate director evangelism, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., evangelist; Dan C. Hall, director, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, song leader; Rev. A. Estus Mason, pastor.

Birmingham (Lee): May 9, 10, 11; services at 7:30 p. m.; Crusade of Americas; to be held in connection with Christian Home Week; Rev. Da-

vid L. Turner, pastor, evangelist; Ebb Loden, music director; Saturday night, the 10th, youth fellowship after the services.

Scobba Church: May 5-11; Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, director, Department of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, evangelist; services each evening at 7:30; James Headrick, minister of music, and youth director, First Church, Crowley, La.; singer; Mrs. Charles E. Malone, organist; Mrs. J. R. Dudley, Jr., pianist.

First, Durant: May 12-18; Rev. G. C. "Bill" Cox, New Orleans, Evangelist; Vernon Polk, minister of music, First Church, Grenada, song leader; services Monday through Saturday 7:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday services regular hours; Rev. Durrell Makamson, pastor.